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		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.19	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.23	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yaumati...	...Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	...Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.22	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.56	6.05	7.44
Taipe Market	...Dep.	7.21	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.09	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.20	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	9.12	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.15	6.24	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	9.18	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.21	6.30	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	8.12	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	5.40	6.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	8.19	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	5.47	6.16
Fanling ...	...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	—	5.51	6.20
Taipo Market	...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	—	6.01	6.30
Taipo ...	...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	—	6.05	6.34
Shatin ...	...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	—	6.18	6.47
Yaumati...	...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	—	6.30	6.59
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Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.45	11.30	3.20
Sha Tau Kok	...Arr.	8.40	12.25	4.15

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Stations.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Sha Tau Kok	...Dep.	10.15	1.05	5.00
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My brethren, this is no ordinary occasion in the life of this Cathedral, for we are gathered here on the day of our Patron Saint, St. John, to thank God for His blessings to us in the years that are past, and to seek His help in furthering that work which was so near to the heart of the disciple whom Jesus loved. The message of Christmas is still fresh in our minds and on our lips: Christmas which links us with our kinsfolk at home and in all places, gives us that sense of family life and goodwill which has always been bound up with our Christian religion. The Christmas bells have rung out along the waters of Cumberland, among the limestone dales of Derbyshire, and in the folds of Wessex Downs, and there is nothing that comes so near to being the very authentic voice of England, as the bells of her churches.

And the bells of our own Cathedral have rung out with them in thankfulness to God who came Himself to dwell amongst men.

He sent no angel to our race
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame
Himself, and to our lost world came.

And though it may be that in the difficult and serious times we are living it requires a special effort to be thankful, we do well to remember that Thanksgiving is the primary ingredient of that elixir of life which turns all it touches into gold. We cannot always in these critical days of the colony control our circumstances, but we can control what they are to mean in our lives. We cannot help seeing the cloud, let us rather look for the silver lining. Human nature, thank God, refuses to believe that however bad things are to-day, they will not be better to-morrow. It insists with Christina Rosetti, "To-morrow shall be like to-day, but much more sweet;" and sees with Keats a budding morrow in midnight.

So let us be thankful for God's blessings to us and ours: let us remember that He has richly blessed us as a colony; that under a sane co-operation of English and Chinese goodwill we have turned this barren island into a pleasant place, and that this is a colony where justice and equity can flourish and where all men can live at peace. The growth of the colony is a fit subject for our pride; its future, please God, will be greater even than our hopes.

Now the history of our country is a measure the history of our English Church. There was a time when men hardly thought of distinguishing between Church and State, when the Earl and the Bishop sat side by side, when the interests of social and moral and religious order was equally the care of the great lord and the great prelate. And our own Church of England has displayed that peculiar genius of the English race, in its comprehensiveness; its powers of assimilation; its love of liberty; its zeal for freedom, allied to the principle that order is heaven's first law. To quote one who is not an Englishman, "She is most precious," wrote De Maistre, "for like a chemical medium she possesses the power of harmonizing natures otherwise incapable of union. On the one hand, she reaches to the Protestant; on the other to the Roman Catholic." She has gained this power for she has never lost sight of the two great principles sanctioned by scripture, endorsed by experience and dear to the English-speaking race. She loved freedom and she reverenced order. In this spirit she has lived and grown, expanding with the expansion of the British Empire and diffusing her spirit with the wide diffusion of the English speech. Before her lie opportunities which belong to no other church in Christendom; before her, open doors which the providence of God seems to have set wide. The Church of England has had a long, varied and glorious history. She has made mistakes, and in making them she has shown, as all churches have, that in a sense she is human: but in the midst of misfortunes and mistakes she has held up, sometimes with firm and sometimes with faltering hand, a lamp from which has shone a heavenly light. We might change Villon's words and say, "No man deserves to enjoy happiness who wishes ill to the Church of England." And if we turn to our own Cathedral of St. John we can claim for it that it is in more senses than one the Mother Church of the colony. It has been intimately connected with all those ties which link us with home. In it we have mourned the death of our kings and queens and the great men of the last eighty years. We have rejoiced in it, and been linked with our kindsfolk when they were gathered in the old Cathedrals and churches of England. On its walls, in marble and brass, we can learn something of our own colony: its services are modelled on those of our parish churches: it is sacred to us by many human ties and affections. And surely the words of Scripture apply to us. "Freely ye have received." We are directly or indirectly debtors to the splendid generosity of those who long ago, and even recently, devoted their wealth to the glory of God in the advancement of religion. The men of old in this colony gave with large-hearted, unexacting liberality; they cared and planned and spent for those who might never think of them, who could never show them gratitude or make them any recompense, save by their prayers. The broad stream of bounty has come down to us. We have received without expense this Cathedral, this monument of love divine, rich with the living thoughts, the lingering prayers of bygone times. Freely we have received the tradition of revealed truth: the sacraments and services of the Church are at our daily disposal—we are not even called upon to pay the wages of those who minister to us. We do well to thank God for our benefactors and for those who have built up a spiritual temple of Prayer within this Cathedral.

"Freely we have received;" and our Saviour teaches us how to show our gratitude for this ungrudged and unconditional liberality. We in our time must freely give, without looking for requital, without making bargains, without any thought of recognition or gratitude. "We must bear our part in that great chain of giving which binds age to age, that tradition of generosity which looks like the sunny side of the road in the course of human affairs." Ours is the privilege of helping on the work of our own Church in this colony and diocese; and how unmindful sometimes we are of it. Its work for the outcasts, for the aged poor, for the orphans, for the lepers, for the sick, for the blind, for all those who need a helping hand in life. Freely we have received the tradition of revealed truth. What are we doing for the proffer of that truth to those who are living, sinning, suffering and dying without any knowledge of the love of God made manifest in the Incarnate Son? How are we helping on the work of our own Church for the poor and needy who have been left destitute of the wealth that has so freely come to us? In far wider ways we owe more than we can ever tell to the large-heartedness of our forefathers.

And in conclusion I appeal to you to support your own church, not only now, but while you are in this colony, by your prayers, your alms, your enthusiasm, your time, your labours. Its task is not an easy one, God knows. It cannot do without that help and support which you owe to it by virtue of your baptism and your loyalty to Christ. Its patron Saint would at this time seek your aid in the extension of Christ's kingdom among men. He wrote that most wonderful and inspiring book, the Gospel according to St. John. But the Gospel was written first upon the hearts of men, and it has ever since been propagated in the same way, by the influence of goodness upon character. It is a very slow way of moving the world; very slow and difficult and secret. But there is no way of making the world better than by making the men and women who live in it better. So pray that God may richly bless this His house of Prayer, and that by our untiring efforts we may hand to others that rich heritage which we have so freely received.

After the Blessing there was a procession to the High Altar where the festal *Te Deum* was sung as a special act of thanksgiving.

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RECENT SAYINGS.

I limit myself, when I can, to ten or twelve hours' work a day.—*Lord Cave.*

Railway travelling is the best possible school of human patience.—*Father R. A. Knox.*

One generally finds that as a man's bank-roll goes up hill, his health goes down hill.—*Prof. B. Collingwood.*

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG AND CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The third ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at noon at the Company's town office, No. 2, Lower Albert Road. Mr. T. G. Weall took the chair, and there were also present: Father Robert, Messrs. Lau Yick Chuk, Leung Yan Po, A. S. D. Cousland (Directors), and Messrs. H. W. Page, W. Macfarlane, Chan Nai Pan, Chan Iu Nam, G. W. Sewell, A. Stevenson and J. D. Thomson (Acting Secretary).

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said:—The accounts and report for the year ending 31st July having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The profit for the period under review, amounts as you will have seen, to $5,695.22, roughly $3,000 less than shown in the previous year's working. Your Directors recommend that the profit be dealt with in the following manner. To write off on account of depreciation and bad and doubtful debts $3,300.63, and to deduct the balance, viz., $2,394.60 from the debit balance brought forward from last year, thus reducing the same to $38,486.96.

In his speech last year your Chairman associated the poor result of that year's working with the unsettled state of affairs in Canton and district and I cannot do otherwise than reiterate his remarks, for conditions there have certainly not improved since then. The political trouble which started in June last resulted, you know, in the closing of all communications to the City, leaving us with only the requirements of the few remaining residents in Shameen to cater for. You will be pleased to learn that although all our Chinese employees left at the commencement of the Strike a continuous service has been maintained. Ice has been on sale throughout, and although heavier stocks of perishable produce than usual were being stored they were successfully cared for. Before going further I should like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the Commandants of the American, French and British Flotillas for their kind assistance, also to the Shameen Municipal Council and Volunteers for assisting in the matter of distribution etc.

Delivery of the Electric Generating Plant which was sold some considerable time ago has now been taken, the sum received in this respect appears in the balance sheet. Unfortunately, no offers have yet been received for the 2 × 80 h.p. Bolinder engines for disposal. I might mention that the General Managers have again made no charge for their services, and the same applies to the Directors and Secretary.

The building and machinery are in excellent condition. Your Directors, however, recommend writing off the sum already mentioned rather than carry the whole of the profit to the credit of the profit and loss account and I trust this meets with your approval.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. H. W. PAGE seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS.

On the motion of Mr. G. W. SEWELL, seconded by Mr. CHAN NAI PAN, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland and Mr. Leung Yan Po, retiring directors, were re-elected.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors at a fee of $250 on the motion of Mr. MACFARLANE, seconded by Mr. CHAN IU NAM.

THE DECEMBER SETTLEMENT AT SHANGHAI.

BIGGEST IN RUBBER SHARES SINCE 1910.

The December settlement at Shanghai was on the 23rd, and a reference to it on the previous day in the *N.-C. Daily News* says:—The amount of business which has been transacted for this settlement is very large, and estimates which have been made put the total turnover at between 80 and 100 million taels, but as a very considerable part of this is cancelled out on account of both buying and selling transactions by the interested parties, it is believed that the actual amount of cash to change hands will be in the neighbourhood of 20 millions.

It is generally agreed that this is the largest settlement so far as rubber shares are concerned since the memorable year of 1910. On this occasion the position is, of course, very different, for now people are dealing in shares which are giving a definite return on money invested, whereas in 1910 the greater part of the money spent was in virgin estates. There are various good reasons for the present interest in the community in plantations, for not only has the London market shown a big advance in past months, but the companies in which operators deal here have paid some two million or more taels in dividends during the past year. In addition they are certain to pay even more handsome returns within the next few months.

When the London share market some time ago responded to the better values for the raw material Shanghai was very slow in following suit, and the reason for this was that local operations were then confined almost solely to the foreign community. Since then, however, a very considerable amount of Chinese buying has taken place, and it is stated that Chinese are now firm holders of shares.

Notwithstanding the magnitude of the settlement it is understood that a considerable amount has already been arranged and that the remainder will be comparatively easy, although it will be a late hour in the evening before it can be completed.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 29TH, 1925.

Hongkong Bank	$1,040 buy., 1,030/35 sa.
Do., London	£13/7 nom.
Chartered Bank	£21 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£20½ nom.
Do., C.	£19½ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ nom.
East Asia Bank	$35 nom.
Canton Insurance	$500 nom
China Underwriters	$34 buy.
North China Insurance	Tls. 140 nom.
Union Insurance	$253/4 sa.
Yangtsze Insurance	$35 buy.
China Fire Insurance	$160 nom.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	$600 nom.
Douglases	$33 sel.
H.K., C. & M. Steamboats	$25 nom
Hongkong Tugs	$44 sel.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$55 nom.
Do. (Def.), London	$65 sel.
Do. " Hongkong	$60 sel.
Shell Transports	96/- buy.
Star Ferries	$5 nom.
Watorboats	$16 buy.
Oriental Navigations	$2.50 nom.
China Sugars	$31 nom.
Malabon Sugars	$45 nom.
Benguets	$1.90 nom.
Kaulan Mining Ad.	48/- nom.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 33½ nom.
Do. (single)	Tls. 20 nom.
Shanghai Explorations	Tls. 5.45 nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 8 nom.
Raubs	$5.50 nom.
Trench Mines	5/- nom.
Ural Caspians	8/- nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$12.7½ buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	$50 buy.
Hongkews	Tls. 185 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 7 buy.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 1.4 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	$9 nom.
Hongkong Lands	$66 buy & sa.
Hongkong Realtys (c.p.)	$5 buy., 4½ sel.
H.K. Territorials (t.p.)	$.½ buy.
Humphreys Estates	$.4 nom.
Prince's Building	$150 nom.
Rural Lands	$7 sel.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 10 sel.
Orientals	Tls. 3½ nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 62 sel.
Do. (new)	Tls. 31 sel.
Ammelmeuts	$.0½ buy.
Canton Ices	$7½ nom.
Cements (combined)	$.0½ nom.
Do. (old)	$12½ nom.
Do. (new)	$5 nom.
China Bases	Tls. 10½ buy.
China Lights (combined)	$1 ½ sel.
Do. (old)	$15.10 nom.
Do. (new)	$10.50 nom.
China Providents (comb.)	$ 2½ nom.
Do. (old)	$2½ sel.
Do. (new)	$3½ sel.
Constructions	$1.90 buy.
Dairy Farms	$17½ sel.
Der A Wing (t.p.)	$.0 nom.
Hongkong Electrics	$54 buy., 53/3½ sa.
Macao Electric	$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	30 cts. buy.
H.K. Ropes (c. mutual)	$40 sel.
Do. (o.d.)	$13½ nom.
Do. (new)	$8½ nom.
Hongkong Tramways	$24 buy., 23/23½/24 sa.
Lane Crawfords	$12½ nom.
Mackintoshs	$2 ½ nom.
Peak Trams (old)	$1.0 buy.
Do. (new) (c.p.)	$5 nom.
Sincere's	$11 sel.
Taxis	$5 sel.
United Asbestos	$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	$12½ buy., 14 sel., 12½ sa.
Do. (new)	$12 buy.
Wm. Powells	$.3 sel.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE GAME.

In Division One of the Hongkong Football League to-day the East Surreys will meet the R.A. on Sookunpoo ground. The kick-off is at 4 p.m. and the referee will be Mr. Windsor.

CHARITY MATCH.

The annual charity football match, in aid of Naval and Military Charities, between the Navy and Army will be played on the Sookunpoo ground on New Year's Day the kick-off being at 4 p.m. The price of admission will be, covered stand 50 cents; open stand 30 cents. The Band of H.M.S. *Hawkins*, by kind permission of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief will play from 3.45 p.m. and during half-time. The football used during the game, will be raffled after the match, the proceeds also going to the charities.

The Army team has been selected as under:—Pte. Anderson (East Surrey's); Pte. Cooper (East Surrey's) and Pte. Jordan (East Surrey's); Pte. McGreavey (East Surreys), S. S. Sims (R.A.M.C.) Capt.; and Pte. Bristowe (East Surrey's), Q.M.S. Charlesworth (East Surrey's), Sr. Pulford (R.A.), Cpl. Humberstone (East Surrey's), Pte. Butler (East Surrey's) and L/C. Mackleworth (East Surrey's).

Linesman:—L/C. Phillips (E. Surrey's)

Reserves:—Sgt. Mitchell (E. Surrey's) and L/C. McBride (R.C. of S.).

GAMBLERS FINED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, thirteen Chinese were summoned for playing a game of chance. There were seventeen in all summoned, but only thirteen appeared. One of the defendants appeared late, and he was ordered to leave the Court and forfeit his bail of $5, His Worship remarking that he should have been there in time.

Evidence was given by a Chinese police constable that he entered No. 240, Des Voeux Road West, and saw the defendants playing *Pai Kow* at a table on the first floor. One of the defendants staked $2 and won $2, after which he paid commission of eight cents to the banker. He held two pairs of dominoes, with eight pips on each pair.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 16th January, 1926, or they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1925. [3010

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 29th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Day at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	30 00	30.16	30.19
Temperature ...	72	59	63
Humidity ...	73	56	42
Wind Direction ...	WNW	NNE	N
" Force ...	2	3	2
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 28th ... 72
Lowest open-air Temperature on 29th ... 58

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 30th, 1925, to Jan. 5th, 1926.

Days of Week	Days of Month.	High Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
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EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION IN HONGKONG.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR 1924.

Mr. G. N. Orme, Director of Education, prefaces his Report for 1924, which we have just received, with the following remarks on some of the aims and difficulties of educational administration in this Colony:—

The numbers and circumstances of British children in this distant Colony make it at once feasible and desirable to provide them all with an education in Government Schools, as nearly as possible equal and similar to what they could find at home, until such age as they are called on either to go home, or to seek employment locally. It is natural that parents should take an early opportunity of sending, or better still of taking, their children to be educated in their own country; and consequently inevitable that most of our British children should be leaving at an early age. At the end of last year there were 415 British children at school here, of whom only 101 or 24.3 per cent., were over 12 years old. It is true that an increasing number of British children are finding local employment direct from school, but it is a matter for regret that of those who remain in the Colony, only a small proportion stay at school after their services have once become of marketable value. This is bad for the pupils and discouraging to the staff.

Other communities for which separate provision for education is needed are the Portuguese and the Indian. The children of the former usually attend one or other of the Roman Catholic schools which are privately managed but assisted with Government Grants. The Indian children usually attend the Indian School at Sookunpoo, which was erected by the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie, and handed over by him to be managed by the Government.

THE CHINESE CHILDREN.

The problem of Chinese children is different. Their numbers are so large that it is impossible for the Government to take charge of the education of all. The principle adopted is to endeavour to set a good standard of work in Government Schools while giving assistance by grants or subsidies to all private schools which reach the required modest standard of efficiency.

Our task then, as regards Government Schools, is to obtain an adequate and qualified staff and a suitable curriculum: as regards private schools to give such assistance as we may without unduly limiting their freedom.

In a Colony like this, where the demand for education exceeds the supply, there is a temptation for teachers and managers to try to take an excessive number of pupils. For classes, the maximum number allowed is 50 in Government Schools, 40 in Grant Schools and 50 in other schools, and it is hoped that with increased facilities there will be no further excuse for exceeding these numbers.

In schools, as in classes, the temptation to excessive numbers exists, but less in private than in Government Schools, which feel an obligation to meet public demands and are not so severely limited by economic necessities. It is a question whether any attempt should be made to enlarge these beyond the limit of one man's supervision, and of mutual interest and sympathy throughout the school. It must remain a matter of opinion what that number is, whether 1,000, 500 or 250 or less, but I think there is no doubt that the larger figures must spell some loss in necessary attention to the individual pupil.

In Chinese as in British schools there is a further temptation for parents, teachers and pupils to seek a short road to the acquisition of means of livelihood. This carries with it two attendant dangers, first that the foundation of the pupil's life, which can only be based on an understanding of his mother tongue, will be deserted too soon for the more immediately profitable study of English, and second, that external results will be sought in preference to real mental and moral progress. The first of these dangers has been noticed by recent commissions on native education in Africa and India, and here in Hongkong we have less excuse for neglecting, as we have greater reason for encouraging, the initial stage of a good understanding of their own language. Here, even more than in other countries, it is the necessary condition of any good education in a foreign tongue.

The second danger is more considerable, and more elusive. The final examination passed, the career safely entered, seem the natural goal of a boy's education, and parents, teachers, and pupils alike have accustomed themselves to look no further for evidence of a successful education. Indeed if external evidence is needed, the examination seems the most convenient and the fairest to all. It has recently been observed that whereas the opinion of a doctor is readily accepted as a test of health, the opinion of a teacher carries little weight as a test of education; and yet it should form the only true test. We can only say now that if the teacher can once deserve and command the confidence of the public, this test will be possible and we shall be near a solution of the problem.

THE SOURCE OF EDUCATIONAL STRENGTH.

It must be recognised that for the strength of any education we must look chiefly to the spirit which animates the staff and the pupils, and it will be too heavy a price to pay for official control, if it achieves efficiency and good discipline at the expense of spontaneity and personal inspiration. Nor can an education that is to succeed stop with the improvement of teachers and pupils: it can only achieve its greater successes if the parents and the public can be interested in the work and inspired with some of the high aims which animate the teaching.

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LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

ARMY v. NAVY.

The two day's match in the triangular series between the Army and the Navy was concluded yesterday on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, when the Navy defeated their opponents by three wickets.

In the first day's play the Army opened with a score of 115 on the first innings to which, the Navy replied with 170. In their second knock, the Army scored 182 for the loss of five wickets, when stumps were drawn.

Yesterday morning the Army concluded their innings and Capt. Warters made a fine stand, which resulted in the score of one over the century; while Lieut.-Col. Edmeades scored a useful 63. The former's score included seventeen fours and the latter hit twelve fours. The Army's second innings closed with the score standing at 343.

The Navy, who went in just before tiffin had 290 to score to draw level. They managed to do this, beating the Army's total by two runs with three wickets to spare, thanks mainly to a very fine effort of Pay-Lieut. Hussey, who just missed the century by four runs. Midshipman Stevenson did well, scoring 54 runs.

The complete scores for the two days were as under:—

THE ARMY—1st Innings.

Capt. Armstrong, not out	26
C.Q.M.S. Stripp, c and b Woodward	14
Sergt. Blondin, b Beatty	10
Capt. Bridgeland, l.b.w., b Cantrell	28
Major Hattersley-Smith, c Cantrell, b Beatty	9
Capt. Morris, b Cantrell	6
Capt. Warters, c Halsey, b Cantrell	7
Lt. Smith, c Lake, b Cantrell	5
Lt.-Col. Edmeades, b Cantrell	0
Sapper, Goodyer, b Cantrell	3
Gnr. Clayton, b Beatty	0
Extras	7
Total	115

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt.-Col. Cantrell	18	4	36	6
Pay-Com. Woodward	17	2	35	1
Lt.-Com. Beatty	10.3	3	23	3
Lt. Sillitoe	4	0	14	0

THE NAVY—1st Innings.

Lt.-Com. Armitage, b Goodyer	1
Pay-Lt. Hussey, b Morris	87
Lt. Nicholson, run out	1
Mid. Stephenson, b Smith	6
Lt. Halsey, c Clayton, b Morris	23
Lt. Sillitoe, not out	27
Pay-Com. Woodward, b Clayton	1
Lt.-Col. Cantrell, c Blondin, b Morris	0
Capt. Lake, run out	4
Lt. Wauchope, b Clayton	0
Lt.-Com. Beatty, b Morris	9
Extras	11
Total	170

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodyer	7	0	53	1
Smith	6	2	27	1
Capt. Morris	9.3	1	47	4
Clayton	9	3	32	2

THE ARMY—2nd Innings.

C.Q.M.S. Stripp, b Cantrell	8
Sergt. Blondin, c and b Cantrell	26
Capt. Bridgeland, c Armitage, b Stephenson	55
Major Hattersley Smith, b Beatty	60
Capt. Morris, b Cantrell	1
Capt. Warters, b Nicholson	101
Lt. Smith, b Cantrell	12
Lt.-Col. Edmeades, b Nicholson	63
Spr. Goodyer, l.b.w., b Stephenson	3
Lt. Chidson, not out	2
Gnr. Clayton, b Nicholson	0
Extras	14
Total	345

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt.-Col. Cantrell	29	5	99	4
Lt.-Com. Beatty	20	2	69	1
Capt. Lake	6	1	33	0
Lt. Sillitoe	2	0	6	0
Lt. Nicholson	9	1	31	3
Mid. Stephenson	12	0	65	2
Pay.-Comdr. Woodward	7	0	28	0

THE NAVY—2nd Innings.

Lt. Nicholson, c Edmeades, b Smith	23
Lt. Sillitoe, c Edmeades, b Smith	2
Pay-Lt. Hussey, b Goodyer	96
Mid. Stephenson, c Stripp, b Bridgeland	54
Lt. Halsey, b Bridgeland	14
Lt. Armitage, c and b Goodyer	39
Lt. Lake, b Goodyer	14
Lt.-Col. Cantrell, not out	25
Pay-Com. Woodward, not out	19
Extras	7
Total (for 7 wickets)	293

Lt. Wauchope and Lt.-Com. Beatty did not bat.

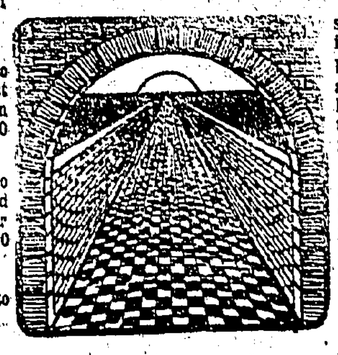
Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Spr. Goodyer	21	2	109	3
Lt. Smith	15	4	42	2
Gnr. Clayton	12	1	51	0
Capt. Morris	9	0	49	0
Capt. Bridgeland	7	0	23	2

In this respect our busy modern life puts us at a disadvantage, and Hongkong suffers like other big business towns: business is too insistent, and leisure is too scarce: and material things are sought without time to reflect that these are only a material—out of which to build a life of goodness and beauty and mutual understanding.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE SIR HENRY GOLLAN, THE CHIEF JUSTICE.]

MURDER TRIAL.

The trial of the Chinese who is charged with the murder of an Indian constable at Ngau Shi Wan on July 5th was continued at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Inspector T. Murphy was further questioned on the circumstances leading to prisoner's arrest, and Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., gave evidence as to how the identification parade was carried out.

"TRADITORE TRADITTORI."

An interpreter gave evidence to the effect that when prisoner was first charged he stated that a man named Li Yau Tsai had given him $100 to kill the constable, and that he also gave him $50 to run away. Later Li Yau Tsai's wife brought his wife to see him at Wong Kwong Tau and asked him to go to Sumchun but he refused to go. He went on to state that he came over the border in order to receive $300 as a deposit on the sale of some of his property.

In reply to the Attorney-General, witness said that the Chinese expression *kwo fan* which meant "going abroad" could also be used of going from Kowloon City to Sumchun.

Mr. Zeitlyn pointed out three characters in the statement which had been translated as "I refused," and asked witness whether they could be translated as "I did not go."

Witness said that they could not be so interpreted. Asked to explain why, he said that it was so directed by the context. Further pressed, he said that he could not explain why it was so, by virtue of grammatical construction.

His Lordship pointed out to the jury the importance of having a correct translation. A lengthy argument on Chinese characters followed, during the course of which Mr. Zeitlyn said that his experience of translations had made him think of them as *traduttori, traditttori* (to translate is to do treason).

THE PRISONER'S STORY.

Mr. Zeitlyn outlined his defence and then put his client in the witness-box. Prisoner said that he was a fisherman of Ping Shek village where he had lived for forty years. He was 59 years of age. In the village he possessed eight houses which were left him by his father in 1910. The property was mortgaged the same year, and on several occasions later, the last time being on October 24th, 1924, for $1,200. He had done this through the Land Officer in the Central district of Hongkong. In addition to being a fisherman he stated that he also worked at *fung shui*, choosing suitable sites for the building of graves. He had been called for this purpose to Wong Kwong Tau on June 16th and went there. He did not do any work but returned home for the fifth day festival on June 24th. Before doing so arrangements had been made for returning to Wong Kwong Tau, since on receipt of a letter he was again to visit the place.

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SELLING HIS FISH.

On his return to his village he slept in his matshed where he fished, and his two sons slept with him. He used to take his fish twice every morning to Kwai Lu in Kowloon City, and on each occasion got a receipt from him. [Several receipts were produced by his Counsel and he said that he recognised them.]

Continuing, he said that he delivered his fish as usual on his return, and a receipt of July 13th was produced. On July 14th he received a letter from the person for whom he was to make graves at Wong Kwong Tau. He remembered his wife bringing him the letter, and after reading it he put it on the table in the matshed. He did not know what happened to the letter eventually. On being shown an envelope, he said that it was the same envelope in which the letter had been dispatched to him. He had gone to Wong Kwong Tau and stayed there until July 18th, and began work on the graves on August 4th. Another person then asked him to do some graves for him at Sum Wai Chi, and with the exception of going back once to Wong Kwong Tau to fetch lime he remained there until September 19th. One day his wife and elder son visited him and he was informed by them that he must return to Hongkong as his houses had been sold. He was also told that Li Tai was waiting him at Sumchun and that the price obtained was $3,500. He knew quite well that before the sale could be effected he would have to go to Hongkong to sign his name at the proper quarters. At about the same time his eldest son had told him a $1,000 reward had been offered for the arrest of a person of his name, and he replied that there could not be such a thing.

Replying to his Counsel, he said that he first heard of the shooting of the Indian constable from his son, while he was on the way to Sumchun to meet Li Tai. At the time he was accompanied by his wife, and two men who had been sent by Li Tai to show them the way. In Sumchun he stayed in a house where Li Tai was also staying. They remained there a few nights until permits were secured for crossing into British territory. A charge of $10 had to be paid to get a permit for a man, but nothing was being charged for a woman. Li Tai was delegated to get the permits and money for that purpose was given to her by his (prisoner's) wife. He denied that he had at any time told Li Tai that he was afraid to go to Hongkong because he had committed a crime against the Government. He had committed no crime. He had nothing to do with the shooting of the Indian constable. After the permits were received he, his wife, his eldest son, Li Tai, and four soldiers started for the border. At Lowu he and Li Tai crossed the bridge together, and as soon as they had done so, she called on two constables who were there and they set upon him, and after beating him, he was arrested.

Questioned by his Counsel as to why he had stated on his arrest that Li Tai's husband had given him $100 to shoot the constable, he said that Li Tai had falsely accused him and he had made that statement in order to involve her in it. It was not true, and at the time he had made it he was confused, because his son was under arrest and his wife was detained.

Cross-examined by the Attorney-General, he said that he intended selling his houses and leaving Ping Shek village. He thought of securing some smaller houses in Kowloon, the reason being that he owed a lot of money and could not get himself out of debt. His houses in Ping Shek village were mortgaged to a company and they had pressed him on two occasions for the money.

At this stage, the case was adjourned until to-day.

H.K.C.C. 2ND XI. v. KOWLOON 2ND XI.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in the above match to be played at Kowloon on Saturday, 2nd January, commencing at 10.30 p.m.:

W. W. Mackenzie (capt.), C. L. R. Becher, H. C. Burgess, H. Griffin, J. Hall, A. K. Mackenzie, D. E. G. Nicholson, H. V. Parker, H. J. Stevenson, G. R. Vallack, M. M. Watson.

HIGH TRIBUTES TO MR. A. G. M. FLETCHER.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HONGKONG'S LOSS AND CEYLON'S GAIN.

At the conclusion of the routine business of the Legislative Council yesterday morning reference was made to Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher's approaching departure from the Colony and very high tributes were paid by H.E. The Governor and the Unofficial members to the splendid work he has done during his period of service here.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR said: As this is probably the last occasion on which Mr. Fletcher will be with us as Acting Colonial Secretary I think it will be the unanimous desire of you all that I should, on your behalf, offer Mr. Fletcher the congratulations of the Legislative Council on his well deserved promotion to Ceylon and wish him "God Speed" in his new sphere of activities. The whole of Mr. Fletcher's public life has hitherto been spent in this Colony. He has been Clerk of Councils since August, 1913, and has repeatedly filled the position of Colonial Secretary. He is now temporarily acting in that capacity for, I believe, the seventh time. I had hoped that the Secretary of State would confirm him substantively in that post, for Hongkong can ill afford to lose him at the present time. However, as I happen to know, Ceylon has difficulties as great, if not at the moment quite so pressing, as those of Hongkong, and we all agree that Sir Hugh Clifford will be fortunate in having Mr. Fletcher as his right hand man. All his resources of tact and ability will be needed. Mr. Fletcher has those qualities in a marked degree and hitherto they have been devoted constantly to the promotion of the welfare of this Colony. I therefore propose that we should enter in our records our high appreciation of Mr. Fletcher's services both to this Council and to the whole Colony. (Applause.)

SIR HENRY POLLOCK, K.C.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK: On behalf of the Unofficial members of this Council I desire to associate ourselves very fully with the words which have fallen from Your Excellency. It would take a long time to enumerate the many important matters with which Mr. Fletcher has been connected whilst he has been in the Colonial Secretariat and I will only mention a few of them on this occasion. He acted during the War as Secretary for the Military Service Commission and subsequently as Chairman of the Vital Requirements Committee of the Colony. He also did yeoman service in regard to fixing the terms of the transfer of the military lands to the Government. Although for reasons known to all of us no particular action has been taken for the time being on those terms I am confident in the future of this Colony and I believe that at no distant date we shall be able to resume the matter of the resumption of the military lands and then we shall receive the benefit of Mr. Fletcher's untiring services on this subject. Another matter for which we are very much indebted to Mr. Fletcher is the hard work he put in over the telephone agreement which has recently been come to. I hope now an expert will be dealing with the subject of telephones that we may shortly have an improved telephone service in the Colony. It would not be advisable for me to refer to all Mr. Fletcher's services in connection with the strike although they are well known to hon. members of this Council. It is well known that he did excellent service both in the strike of 1922 and during the present Strike and I should like to mention the extremely good work Mr. Fletcher did in both Strikes with regard to maintaining, and effectively maintaining, all the essential services of this Colony. Another point with regard to Mr. Fletcher which I must refer to because it is a point from which I have received great benefit in the past—and I am sure dozens of others would say the same thing—is his extreme accessibility. I am sure all of us here present appreciate the fact that Mr. Fletcher has never allowed himself to be hampered by any rules of red tape. If he was satisfied that anyone in this Colony required to interview him on matters of importance, he was always ready and willing to give the earliest appointment possible and with his unrivalled experience of the affairs of the Colony, which had been gained in long service in the Colonial Secretariat, one always felt that one had received very excellent advice; and often Mr. Fletcher was able to give material assistance in forwarding whatever they had in hand. We feel, therefore, that in losing Mr. Fletcher this Colony is incurring considerable loss. Our loss will be a gain to Ceylon. We feel that it is regrettable that Mr. Fletcher was not confirmed in his present post as Colonial Secretary but, of course, we realise that these affairs are not in our hands and are outside of our control. We should very much have liked to see him continue permanently in his present billet. In saying farewell I can truly say that he and Mrs. Fletcher will be very much missed from the social life of this Colony. We wish them both every happiness and prosperity in the new place to which they are going. (Applause.)

HON. MR. CHOW SHOU SON.

Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SON: I beg to concur with every word uttered by Your Excellency and by the Hon. Senior Unofficial member, and on behalf of the Chinese community I wish to extend to Mr. Fletcher our most hearty congratulations upon his well earned promotion. At the same time we regret deeply that he is leaving us.

HON. MR. HOLYOAK.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK: As the member of Council representing the Chamber of Commerce, and as one who has filled the Chair of the Chamber at various times, I have come into contact more particularly with Mr. Fletcher and I should like to endorse Your Excellency's remarks regarding his services to the Colony. Long ago—I think it was twenty years—I first came into contact with Mr. Fletcher when he was appointed Official Receiver and in that capacity took over control of the Trade Marks Office of the Colony. Before Mr. Fletcher's advent that office was in a chaotic condition and the way in which Mr. Fletcher speedily remedied matters was an indication of his skill and ability. I was profoundly impressed at that time by his organising powers and the evidence thus given very early in his career has been borne out continually since. The commercial men of this Colony will congratulate Mr. Fletcher on the well earned honour that has come to him but nevertheless they will feel keen regret at his departure. As Your Excellency knows, the Unofficial members hoped he would be confirmed in his appointment here. The Secretary of State thought otherwise. We, therefore, congratulate him upon his appointment and wish him every happiness in his new career. (Applause.)

MR. FLETCHER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER: I wish to express to the Council my warm appreciation of the quite unexpected and most kind congratulations which have been voiced, in quite unmerited terms by Your Excellency and the other members who have spoken. I had forgotten it was in 1913 when I was confirmed as Clerk of this Council, but I think I can claim a much longer record. It was at the beginning of 1905 when I first took my seat in that chair in a very dilapidated tail coat which I inherited as a legacy from the late Sir Henry May. We were more particular, or rather more ceremonious in our dress in those days. I have acted seven or eight times as Colonial Secretary and once as Colonial Treasurer. Indeed my changes were so kaleidoscopic that the late Mr. Stephen, whenever he met my wife, would always enquire whether the time had come for him to call me "Sir" or whether I had to address him in that way. (Laughter.) I am under a very great obligation to all the members of Council for their unfailing co-operation and help in the work of the Government, both publicly in this Chamber, and also privately elsewhere in all manner of ways. It is with very great regret that I lay down my work in this Colony and say "Good-bye." (Applause.)

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board took place yesterday afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. N. L. Smith, when the following members were present: Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Dr. W. W. Pearse (M.H.O.), Dr. J. C. McGown, Dr. T. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton (Secretary). Mr. D. Davies (Assistant Secretary) was also present.

Arising out of a minute which the President had circulated on the subject of a petition from the representatives of the market fish stall-holders, Mr. Alabaster asked whether the President had any idea that the fish would come from Macao as the petitioners said?

The CHAIRMAN, replying in the affirmative, said that was part of the scheme. A large amount of fish came from Macao. This man controlled an ice business and had a large interest in a fresh fish business which dispatched fish to Hongkong. He proposed to combine these businesses on his own account.

When an application for an offensive trade licence for pig roasting at No. 171, Reclamation Street, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1143, Section B, came before the Board, the Chairman intimated that the Standing Committee had recommended that this should be refused. He accordingly moved that the Board refuse the licence. Dr. Tso seconded, and the motion was agreed.

THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS BY THE HON. MR. HOLYOAK.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday,

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK asked the following questions:

(a) What provision, if any, is the Government making for the treating of Maternity cases in the Kowloon Hospital?

(b) Will the Government revert to its original intention of allowing private Medical Practitioners to visit and treat their own patients in the Kowloon Hospital should they so desire?

THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLIES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY read the following replies:

(a) There is no accommodation for maternity cases at the Kowloon Hospital, though in urgent necessity, as for example in the event of a typhoon, an exception would be made to the rule.

The site has been so laid out that extensions can be added as required. The question of building a maternity wing will be considered later, if experience shows that there is a sufficient demand to justify the expenditure.

(b) The Government is not prepared to reconsider this matter. There was originally a proposal that a part of the Kowloon Hospital should be set aside as a Nursing Home, to be run on the lines of the Peak Hospital, but it was decided that the difficulties of management and discipline rendered such an arrangement impracticable. A private practitioner can inform the Medical Officer in charge of any circumstances in connection with a case, and, if the Medical Officer or the patient so desires, he can be called in in consultation.

A REJOINDER.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK: Arising out of the answer to the first part of my question (a) I submit that the treating of maternity cases of urgency should be decided not by climatic conditions but by the necessities of the patients. That a patient might, or might not be, transported across the harbour in typhoon weather is not an answer to my query. The question was put in order to convey to the Government the distinct understanding that maternity cases should be treated at the Kowloon Hospital. I think Kowloon has been rather let down by the Government in this particular. It was never understood by this Council that maternity cases were not to be treated there and I, therefore, suggest that this matter be reconsidered and that arrangements should be made for at any rate dealing with cases of urgent necessity.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: That will certainly be so. Cases which in the opinion of the Medical Officer are urgent will be treated at the hospital.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: The answer to my question did not convey that impression.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: The answer refers to exceptions being made in cases of urgent necessity.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: In case of a typhoon.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: That is only one obvious case quoted where a patient could not possibly get across the harbour.

LAND FOR THE UNIVERSITY.

GENEROUS GIFT FROM THE WAR OFFICE.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday the Acting Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher) moved the following resolution:

Resolved that whereas the War Office has presented to the Government of Hongkong, for purposes of the University of Hongkong, the sites of Fly Point and Elliot Batteries, this Council hereby records its deep appreciation of this generous gift.

As hon. members are aware, he said, these two sites lie along the Pokfulam Road to the West of Hongkong University, and in close proximity to it. As it had long been thought desirable that land should be acquired for purposes of University extension, when Sir John Oakley came to the Colony in the late summer of 1923 in connection with the question of military land exchanges he was asked to value these sites among certain others in a supplementary report in order that the Government might know its liability if it should desire to make arrangements with the War Office to acquire them. The land was not required for the garrison. Sir John Oakley valued these two sites in the sum of $76,580, the area being 191,450 sq. feet at 40 cents a square foot. Sir John Oakley made representations to the War Office as to the crying need of the University for room for future expansion and the War Office has most generously came forward with this gift to the Colony. The gift is made to the Government to use at their discretion for the purpose of the extension of the Hongkong University.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK: On behalf of the Unofficial members I have very much pleasure in seconding this resolution and in expressing to the Military authorities our appreciation of the generous gift which has been made.

The resolution was passed unanimously and His Excellency the Governor stated that it would be conveyed to the War Office through the Secretary of State.

STRIVING TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.

ANOTHER DELEGATION TO CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Mr. Li Yau Tsun, chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce of Hongkong, has wired to the General Chamber of Commerce of Canton, the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Kwangtung, the Canton Merchants' Association, and the Canton Traders' League that eight responsible delegates of Hongkong Chinese merchants, accompanied by four secretaries, will depart from Hongkong for Canton this morning (December 30th) on board the s.s. *Lung Shan* in order to obtain "instruction and guidance" from the Canton merchants. An audience for the Hongkong delegation is asked.

A similar telegram was addressed to the Canton Strike Committee, a responsible delegation from which, together with two representatives from the four principal commercial guilds mentioned above, will open formal conversations towards the ending of the strike and boycott.

The Hongkong Chinese merchants who are to undertake the negotiations are Messrs. Li Yau Tsun, Ma Chui Chiu, M. K. Lo, Chan Dien Sun, Lee Shing Kui, Choy Siu Woon, Lee Yao Tong, Chan Pi Chuen, Kong Yi Suen, and Tse Shu Tong.

On December 27th the Canton Strike Committee was host at tea to the Canton Press Association, the chairman of the Committee thanking the newspaper-men for the help they have given to the Committee during the strike.

Another sign of the approaching close of the boycott and strike in Canton has been the gradual release of the accumulation of goods seized as "enemy property" or "imperialist goods" since the commencement of the strike.

The Chinese constables on the French Concession in Shameen, Canton, since Christmas Eve, have been going on duty unarmed, and this is accepted by the Canton Press as a sign of goodwill and peace making for an early settlement.

Early in January formal conversations between responsible parties representing Canton workers and Hongkong merchants towards the final settlement of the difficulty will be held.

General Chiang Kai Shek is expected back in Canton from the East River districts of Kwangtung on or before New Year's Day, and it is expected that he will use his good office to calm M. Borodin, the Soviet adviser, and get him to support the peace movement. The last obstacle will probably then be removed.

RAIN FROM THE PEAK FOG.

EXPERIMENTS WITH ELECTRICAL DEVICES.

The fog which envelops the Peak for many weeks in the year may yet prove to be a blessing in disguise.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday approved a vote of $4,000, on the recommendation of H.E. The Governor for the purpose of experimenting on producing rain from the Peak fog by electrical devices.

The CHAIRMAN (Hon. Mr. Fletcher) said: This is required for experiments in rain producing by one of the professors at the University. It is hoped by means of electric current to produce rain from the Peak fogs and electrical machinery is required to bring about that much desired result.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK: Has the machinery been put into operation yet?

The CHAIRMAN: No. Presumably they are waiting for the fogs.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN HONGKONG.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR 1924.

The Medical Report for 1924 laid upon the table of Legislative Council yesterday says that the year 1924 was free from any serious outbreak of infectious disease.

The epidemic of small-pox which commenced during the last three months of 1923, reached its highest in January and then rapidly declined. The table given shows that over the whole period of the epidemic there were 1,501 cases.

For the first time for many years the Colony was entirely free from plague throughout a whole year.

MALARIA AMONG THE WEIHAIWEI POLICE

Reporting on the health of the Police Force, the Principal Civil Medical Officer says:—The Weihaiwei force from the point of health cannot be considered successful. Their malaria returns are most unhappy as no less than 591 admissions were made from a force of 975 men. 143 patients were admitted on one occasion but 107 of the contingent were admitted on several occasions and accounted for 448 cases.

It appears that 250 out of 275 suffered from malaria. In the autumn the numbers became so excessive that Kennedy Town Hospital was opened to deal for the most part with the more chronic cases. This hospital was under the care of Dr. Clift. Their general health is not satisfactory as compared with Cantonese Police, but it is slightly better than that of the Indians.

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NOTICE.

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INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE.

GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that All FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2ND JANUARY, 1926.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries,
THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.
THE MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG AND CANTON.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1925. [3014

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

WITH Reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 25th OCTOBER, 1925, whereby the Final Call of $3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 4th JANUARY, 1926, instead of 3rd NOVEMBER, 1925, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to Further Extend the Time for Payment of this Call.

NOTICE IS ACCORDINGLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Date for Payment of the FINAL CALL is POSTPONED to 4TH MARCH, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the Date named therein were the 4TH MARCH, 1926.

For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1925. [3015

TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR THE CARNIVAL

TO BE HELD AT THE
REPULSE BAY HOTEL
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "OANFA" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 30th December.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and NOON within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th January, 1926, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th January, 1926, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1925. [3016

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

UNDER Ordinance No. 5 of 1912. The EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1ST and 2ND JANUARY, 1926.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1925. [3011

NOTICE.

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By Order of the Directors,
L. J. BLACKBURN,
3012] Engineer & Manager.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, ABDUL EMERUN MAHOMED RAFEEK of 28, FRENCH CONCESSION, SHAMEEN, CANTON, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that, in consequence to my desire to conform with the Names of similar Vessels owned by me, have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Motorboat "FUNG MING," of Hongkong, Official No. 153511 of Gross Tonnage 100.68 tons, Register Tonnage 54.59 tons, heretofore owned by me for the permission to Change her Name to "RACE" and have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hongkong as owned me.

Any objections to the proposed Change of Name must be Sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within SEVEN DAYS from the Appearance of This Advertisement.

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All Claims must reach us by 5th January, 1926, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged Packages will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas (Marine Surveyors) at 10 a.m. on 3rd January, 1926.

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BIRTH.

MYERS.—At Shanghai, on December 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. W. ROBERTSON MYERS, Chinese Customs Service, a son.

MARRIAGES.

COLQUHOUN—MCLACHLAN.—At Shanghai, on December 18th, AGNES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES MCLACHLAN, of Bowling, Scotland, to JAMES, son of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN COLQUHOUN, Dumbarton, Scotland.

HORCHNER—COOK.—At Shanghai, on December 23rd, JAN HORCHNER, of Amsterdam, to CATHERINE COOK, of Toronto.

SAYRE—SIEMSEN.—At Los Angeles, on November 14th, FRANCIS EDWARD, only son of Mrs. F. SAYRE, of Spokane, Wash., U.S.A., to DOROTHEA MARGARET, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. SIEMSEN, of Shanghai.

SOWERBY—MOISE.—At Shanghai, on December 3rd, ARTHUR DE CARLE SOWERBY, son of Rev. ARTHUR SOWERBY and the late Mrs. SOWERBY, of Maidenhead, England, to CLARICE SARA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. MOISE, of San Francisco, U.S.A.

DEATHS.

MAHER.—At Shanghai, on December 20th, GEORGINA MARGUERITA, the beloved wife of JOSEPH P. J. MAHAR, Chief Engineer s.s. *Yingchow*, China Navigation Co., Ltd.

TAYLER.—On December 29th, at the Government Civil Hospital, HENRY HERBERT TAYLER, aged 40 years. [1918

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30TH, 1925.

THE CHAOS IN CHINA.

Two kings have been removed from the Chinese chess board—General KUO SUNG LING and General LI CHING LIN. Whether FENG, who was generally credited with secretly supporting KUO's revolt against the "uncrowned King of Manchuria" will now develop an attack upon CHANG TSO LIN; whether CHANG will attack FENG; or whether "stalemate" will be called remains to be seen. The absence of news of further developments in the war game would seem to imply that for the time being there is a cessation of hostilities on both fronts. Meanwhile TUAN CHI JUI remains in his castle as Chief Executive, issuing mandates. One appoints a supporter of Marshal FENG to be the Military and Civil Governor of Chihli in place of the defeated and fugitive General LI CHING LIN; another appoints HSU SHIH YING (Chief Secretary of the Cabinet) as Premier: a third announces a revision of the regulations governing the functions of the Provisional Government, the object in view being to make the Cabinet "responsible" and directing that it shall "devise and carry out reforms in accordance with the people's wishes." How and by what means the Cabinet is to ascertain those wishes we are not informed. A responsible Cabinet can, however, safely take it for granted that the supreme wish of the great mass of the people of China is for peace and good government, but how that wish is to be fulfilled obviously provides a problem of the greatest perplexity for the Cabinet while contending military factions hold the field in China. The one hopeful feature in the situation would seem to be that TUAN CHI JUI remains Chief Executive by consent of the two most powerful military satraps of the country. HIS EXCELLENCY appears to have enlightened views of government if only he can get a freer hand to give effect to them. As we have remarked before, it is hard to discover that any question of national policy is involved in the present wars. Marshal FENG designates his troops "The People's Army," but the Chinese student organisations have been vainly trying to get the Commander-in-Chief of this army to say publicly what the term implies. "The whole Chinese people," they say in one of their recent telegrams, "must struggle for the democratisation of China. The people demand the disarmament of the remnants of the Mukden militarist, the overthrow of the Government of Marshal TUAN CHI JUI and the organisation of a People's Revolutionary Committee, the latter to convoke a real national assembly. The people further insist upon the abolition of all unequal treaties and upon the realisation of full tariff autonomy. Only a programme of this character will benefit the country and is worth struggling for. We are surprised that you do not declare your political position at the present moment. We appeal to you to declare your political creed at once." But all such appeals have been in vain. Both FENG and CHANG and every other Militarist in China are content to plead that they are fighting in the cause of The People—but the people they have in mind would appear to be themselves only, and the interests for which they are fighting would seem to be mainly their own personal aggrandisement. If the common object is a national one, surely better and more effective means of gaining it than this continual mutual slaughter are open to them. Perhaps the investment of the Cabinet with greater responsibility may lead to a peaceful solution, but we have seen no reason given for the change except that it will "partially relieve the Chief Executive of his present political responsibilities and gradually pave the way for his retirement with befitting dignity in the not distant future." That in itself does not seem in all the circumstances to contain assurance of an early peace. We can but "wait and see."

Mail from the United Kingdom *via* Siberia by the s.s. *City of Cairo* yesterday totalled 12 bags.

Thirteen million people are stated to be more or less affected by famine at the present time in the province of Hupeh.

The match arranged between the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI. and the University for yesterday was cancelled.

Mr. K. G. Wahamaki, the Finnish Consul at Shanghai, has been promoted to the Consul-Generalship for the whole of China.

It is announced that the date for payment of the final call on the new shares of the China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., has been further extended to March 4th, 1926.

Mr. Alfred Edmund William Darby, Shrewsbury, an authority on Oriental china, who died on July 23rd, aged 75, left unsettled property of the gross value of £169,342.

The s.s. *Chenan* arrived from Shanghai and Swatow yesterday morning and the master reported to the Harbour Office that fog was encountered practically all the way down.

A Public Debate is to take place this evening (30th) at 8 p.m. in the Social Room of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on a quotation from the Bible which reads: "The poor is hated even of his own neighbour."

The Boy Scouts Association of Shanghai are organising a farewell dinner to Mr. Cyril Champkin (Manager of the P. & O. Bank in Shanghai) in recognition of his work as Assistant Commissioner for Wolf Cubs.

Mr. J. J. Harrington, who recently left the service of the Taikoo Dock, where he was attached to the office staff, and intended to proceed to America or Canada, is very seriously ill at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. announce in their advertisement on our front page to-day special excursions to Macao on Friday, by the *Kinshan* and on Saturday and Sunday by the *Taishan*.

The Right Hon. Sir John Tilley was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace on December 1st, and kissed hands upon his appointment as His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tokyo.

By judgment delivered in the French Consular Court at Shanghai, Mr. G. Berthelin, manager of the Compagnie Chine-France, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment without suspension of sentence, and ordered to refund Tls. 5,900 to Messrs. Bing Fils.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., a junk master was fined $15, with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour for failing to exhibit regulation lights while under way. Another junk master, who failed to appear on a similar charge, had his bail of $15 estreated.

In the case at Shanghai in which the Tramway Company was sued for Tls. 10,000 damages in respect of the death of a Russian woman by the alleged negligence of the Company, the Judge considered that the balance of evidence was in favour of the Company, so the case fell to the ground, and there was no need to deal with the question of damages.

Mr. Frederick L. Thomas, U.S. Consul formerly assigned to Mukden, has been detailed by the Department of State to the American Consulate-General at Shanghai and is expected to arrive before the end of the year. Mr. Thomas has served as Foreign Service Officer at Bombay, Calcutta and Mukden.

A Chinese letter over a century old with a tragic history has just been presented to the Pope by the Vicar Apostolic of Seoul. The letter is painted on silk and contains 13,000 Chinese characters. It was written in 1801 to the Bishop of Peking suggesting plans to save the persecuted Church in Korea. It was intercepted by the police, and both writer and bearer were arrested and killed. Missionaries in China recovered the letter about thirty years ago when the police archives were dispersed.

The decoration of the fifth class of Chin Ho has been conferred by the Chinese Government upon Captain O. Siggers, of Southampton, captain of the P. & O. steamship *Sardinia*, for his rescue in February last of 148 Chinese from a large junk which had been drifting helplessly in a gale in the China Sea for some days in a sinking condition, food and water having run out. The position was all the more terrible in that several of the Chinese were suffering from small-pox. These, however, was isolated on board the *Sardinia*, and 25 were landed in Singapore suffering from the disease.

Mr. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, informs us that a time signal, according to the Manila code, will be flashed by lamps on the wireless mast at the Observatory from 11.55 p.m. till midnight on December 31st. The last flash will indicate the end of the year 1925 and the beginning of the year 1926.

On arrival home, Capt. H. H. Rogers, M.V.O., O.B.E., was to pay off the *Weymouth* into the Reserve. The *Weymouth* has voyaged some 120,000 miles in the past three years as a naval relief ship, so that her engines should have pretty well worn themselves out. Yet, says a Naval writer, she is good for a few more voyages to Hongkong and back.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., have arranged for the latest fox-trot, "No Spinstershood for Me," to be played at both the Repulse Bay Carnival and the special Dinner Dance at the Hongkong Hotel on New Year's Eve. This composition will be heard in Hongkong for the first time then. It is being played within a week of its release in the United States.

The case in which an alleged pirate is charged with being concerned in the hold-up of the launch *Po On*, with armed robbery, holding persons for ransom and with being in possession of arms, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamiltin at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Further evidence was given by the police and by passengers who were on the *Po On* at the time, and His Worship committed the man for trial.

The "tip" is given in a news letter from San Francisco that turkeys may possibly be shipped from China to the United States, to arrive before Thanksgiving Day, upon which an easy 300 per cent. profit can be made if all goes well." On the other hand, we heard it remarked in Hongkong just before Christmas that it was possible to procure from the United States very much finer turkeys than the China turkey at a cost greatly below the prices charged in the local markets.

A writer of Naval Notes in a Home paper says:—Captain Hugh S. Shipway, R.N., who has gone to Singapore as Captain-in-Charge, and took up his post on December 1st, is the first officer to be granted this title at the base since steps were taken to enlarge it in 1921. He succeeds Captain Percy R. Stevens, D.S.O., who has had two years at Singapore. Captain Shipway's last command was in the cruiser *Dublin*, on the Africa Station. He was promoted in 1919, after being commander of the battleships *Dominion* and *Thunderer* in the Grand Fleet during the war.

"Legal amahs" were recommended to promoters of China companies by the Crown Advocate in H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai last week. When the Judge asked whether the forms were difficult to fill up, Mr. Mossop replied: "I would put it this way. No prudent parent expecting a new arrival in his family would go without medical assistance, and similarly the promoters of these companies should take legal advice about bringing into the world a new legal entity. If I might coin a slogan, I would say 'A legal amah for every China company.'" The Judge's comment was: "The least they can do is to look at the law."

OBITUARY.

MR. H. H. TAYLER.

The death occurred last night at the Government Civil Hospital of Mr. Harry Tayler, who for twenty-five years was in the service of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., and was Secretary of the China Provident and Loan Company. Mr. Tayler had been in a poor state of health for some time past, suffering from heart trouble. He went into hospital on Monday and passed away last evening. The late Mr. Tayler was known to a large number of people in the Colony who will regret to learn of his death. He was only 40 years of age.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast, and remarks by the Royal Observatory stated:—

The depression has moved into the Pacific and the anticyclone over China continues to increase in intensity. Strong monsoon will continue along the China coast and the Northern China Sea. Local forecast: N. winds, fresh fair.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

ALL-NIGHT SITTINGS IN THE CHAMBER.

PARIS, December 29th.

The Chamber has begun an expected series of all-night sittings for the purpose of rushing the passage of the Budget before the close of the year. Discussion of the estimates of expenditure opened yesterday at the usual hour and was still continuing at six o'clock this morning.

"NO TIME FOR MINISTERIAL CRISES."

PARIS, December 29th.

The prospect of M. Briand remodelling the Cabinet if his colleagues refuse to follow him in the adoption of M. Doumer's financial proposals at to-day's important Cabinet meeting is opened up by a statement of the Premier last night that he would refuse to quit his post or let himself be overthrown by lobby intrigues and that any Ministers who decided to resign would be replaced within twenty-four hours. The Premier added "This is no time for Ministerial crises, but the work."

CRISIS SEEMS AVERTED.

LATER.

The threatened political crisis over the new taxation proposals of M. Doumer, the Finance Minister, now seems likely to be averted as a result of the firm attitude taken by M. Briand in declaring that any Ministers resigning would be immediately replaced.

According to the newspapers a basis of agreement is being arranged by members of the Cabinet, whereby the proposed tax on business turnovers will be replaced by a stamp tax on all sales, while economies amounting to 300 million francs will be effected and a similar amount secured by stricter control of assessment declaration which will allow a proportionate reduction of the suggested increased taxation.

GOVERNMENT ACQUIRES HENDON AERODROME.

END OF PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, December 29th.

The Government has purchased the well-known aerodrome and other extensive property at Hendon, including the London Country Club, from Mr. Grahame White for £350,000 after long negotiations arising out of complicated wartime aviation transactions.

The aerodrome be utilised as one in a chain of home defence stations.

FRESH FRENCH OPERATIONS IN MOROCCO.

RABAT, December 28th.

French regulars, supported by artillery and aeroplanes, have started fresh operations in the Taza sector, having as their objective the City of Bennour. The action is developing favourably.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRENCH POLITICS.

AN UNSTABLE SITUATION.

PARIS, December 28th.

The instability of the political situation is further reflected by the election of a Democratic member of the Left as President of the Senate Finance Commission, defeating M. Clementel, the Democrats' official nominee. The group has called upon M. Lacroix to resign but he has refused.

THE AFGHAN BORDER RAID.

ATTRIBUTED TO A ROVING BAND.

LONDON, December 28th.

Diplomatic circles in London do not regard the report of a Russian attack in North East Afghanistan very seriously and attribute it to roving bands not controlled from Moscow or any central government. It is pointed out that the region of the river Oxus has been the scene of raids for many months.

EARLIER CABLES.

INDIAN CONGRESS.

SERIOUS SPLIT IN SWARAJIST RANKS.

CAWNPORE, December 28th.

The concluding day of the Nationalist Congress was marked by a long and heated debate in which, although the Swarajist political programme was adopted, a serious split in the Swarajist ranks was revealed.

This culminated in the resignation from the Legislature of Mr. Jayakar (Bombay), Mr. Moonjee (Central Provinces) and Mr. Kelkar (Deputy Leader of the Swarajists in the Assembly) on the plea that they would thereby liberate themselves from the Swarajist obligation and be free to propagate their views for responsive co-operation and acceptance of office.

The Congress adopted Mr. Motilal Nehru's resolution in favour of non-co-operation in the Legislatures. The pundit, Mr. Malaviya, feared that the Congress was being handed over to a handful of Swarajists, who had not kept their word in the past and could not keep it in the future.

Mr. Lalalai Patrai regarded the outlook as most pessimistic, and said that despite a contrary desire, they were being driven unconsciously towards co-operation.

LATEST CABLES.

NEW DEPUTY SWARAJIST LEADER.

CAWNPORE, December 29th.

It is announced that Lalalaj Patrai will probably become the deputy leader of the Swarajist Party in the Assembly in succession to Kelkar.

EARLIER CABLES.

LAWN TENNIS.

TEST MATCH IN SOUTH AFRICA.

JOHANNESBURG, December 28th.

The second lawn tennis Test Match between South Africa and the British team was drawn with five matches all.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HUGE BANK AMALGAMATIONS IN AMERICA IMMINENT.

NEW YORK, December 29th.

It is reported in Wall Street that a gigantic banking amalgamation is imminent embracing several of the largest banks, with combined resources exceeding a milliard dollars. Mr. McHugh, President of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, admitted that negotiations are progressing with the Chase National Bank for amalgamation, with total resources amounting to 900 million dollars.

Another combination forecast would include the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, the Chatham and the Phoenix National Bank, National Park Bank, Chemical National Bank and possibly the Central Union Trust Company, uniting total resources amounting to 1,303 million dollars.

EARLIER CABLES.

MEXICAN OIL.

NEW ACT IN OPERATION.

MEXICO CITY, December 28th.

A Presidential decree has put the Petroleum Act into operation.

[The Act gives the Government inalienable dominion over all gas, oil and mineral deposits, but it is not retrospective.]

EX-PRESIDENT WILSON'S BIRTHDAY.

A MEMORIAL STAMP.

NEW YORK, December, 28th.

Ex-President Wilson's birthday was celebrated in the cities and town from coast to coast. The Post Office has commemorated the occasion by placing on sale a seventeen cent Wilson memorial stamp.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE CHINESE PUZZLE.

FIGHTING FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOLSHEVISTS.

LONDON, December 29th.

The *Daily Mail* pointing out the need of a strong man in China says it is something in Chang Tso Lin's favour that the Bolsheviks exerted all their influence against him and were openly counting on his complete defeat, after which they intended to seize Mukden. "Fortunately, for civilisation, they reckoned without the Japanese. Why the Chinese should fight among themselves for the special benefit of their Bolshevik enemies it is difficult to understand.

DEFEATED GENERAL TRAVELLING INCOGNITO.

CHEFOO, December 28th.

General Li Ching Lin has left for Shanghai, travelling incognito as Mr. Li.

JAPAN'S PROTECTION OF POLITICAL REFUGEES.

"ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENTS" INCREASING IN MANCHURIA.

TOKYO, December 29th.

Japanese Press messages from Mukden and Dairen report that anti-Japanese sentiments are increasing owing to Japan's refusal to hand over General Kuo's men who are refuging in the Japanese Consulate at Hsinminfu, but it is understood that the Government on humanitarian grounds is determined to give them all possible protection, as they are only political refugees.

REMARKABLE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION.

FROM ENGLAND TO JAPAN.

LONDON, December 29th.

A Dorking amateur named Lawson succeeded in getting into wireless communication with an Englishman in Tokyo. The receiver in use was a two valve resistance coupled set.

EX-KAISER'S CLAIM.

CONTRACT REQUIRES LEGISLATURE'S CONSENT.

"The poor man of Doorn," as the ex-Kaiser is known in German Nationalist circles, will soon be the richest man in Germany, if not in Europe, says a Berlin wire of November 25th. After seven years' effort, Wilhelm II. is about to regain the bulk of the Hohenzollern family's property held in trust by the Republic since November 30th, 1918, and the Prussian State will give 30,000,000 marks in cash as a settlement of the claims for the immense properties, according to a draft agreement just completed.

The contract has already received the ex-Kaiser's endorsement from Doorn, and only requires the formal approval of the Prussian Legislature. 300,000 acres of the best forest and cultivated land in Prussia, 80 palaces, castles and chatelets, 103 lots of real developed estates in various German cities, including 5 opera houses are the extent of Wilhelm's claims. But it is indicated that he is ready to compromise providing adequate compensation in hard cash is offered.

The cash settlement alone will assure an annual interest of at least £120,000, while the profits from other properties are incalculable. The Hohenzollern works of art still belong to the nation except a few adorning the ex-Royal family's mansions.

Under the agreement Hohenzollerns will have 6 of the 80 castles and 1,000 acres of forest and cultivated land.

CLAIMS OF THE EX-KAISER.

Secret negotiations between the ex-Kaiser's lawyers and the Prussian State have been going on for months. Landed estate yielding a net income of £250,000 a year were recently offered to the ex-Kaiser so that he may not bother the State with further claims, but the ex-Kaiser's lawyers contemptuously refused a settlement in mail week and threatened to fight the case before the Courts.

The ex-Kaiser, in addition to all Crown properties in Germany, claimed two-thirds of the pictures contained in the Kaiser Frederick Museum, and the whole of the Schalk Galleries at Munich, with their priceless treasures. Both Museums represent a fortune running into £5,000,000.

The *Morgenpost* is indignant that the State should allow itself to be fleeced by a man who has no more right to his possession than the millions of Germans who were ruined during the inflation period. While large debts have been wiped out in paper money, creditors are receiving a mere fraction of a penny. The ex-Kaiser would have received, if the claim was upheld in full £50,000,000.

"THE DARK POWER OF MOSCOW."

MR. CHURCHILL ON A SINISTER MOVEMENT.

SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS.

Mr. Winston Churchill spoke of the "dark power of Moscow" when he addressed a meeting recently at Tunbridge Wells.

He declared that the objects of the Socialists and Communists were the same, though their methods might be different.

In foreign politics, the Chancellor said, the policy the Government was pursuing had received the national assent. Not only the supporters of the Government, but, with the exception of certain political curiosities, the whole House of Commons had supported and acclaimed the skill, tact, foresight, and courage with which Mr. Austen Chamberlain had brought the great nations of Europe together.

TRADE OPTIMISM.

Observing that he did not wish to run the risk of being accused of undue optimism, Mr. Churchill said it might be that the New Year would bring easier and better economic and trading conditions. Unemployment had been markedly reduced during a period of the year when experience showed that it would usually increase, and that in a larger nation than last year. There were at least one hundred thousand more persons who had come to the employable age, and it was calculated there were two hundred thousand more persons at work to-day than a year ago. The world, too, had been blessed with good harvests, and there was hope in this of relief to the shipping industry.

SOCIALIST FOLLY.

The Socialist in his folly and the Communist in his malice, continued Mr. Churchill, would undermine and fatally wreck the pillars of our prosperity. (Cheers.) What was the difference between the Socialist and the Communist? They both wished to go as fast as possible along the same road, but the Communist thought he could smash his way through by violence, and the Socialist believed he could do it by humbug. (Laughter.) The object of the Socialist and the Communist was the same, and the consequences of their policy, if adopted, would be the same. Britain would be laid low, and the only question at the *post-mortem* would be the old question, "Did she fall or was she pushed?" (Laughter.)

If he were asked the difference between Socialism and Communism, he could only reply that the Socialist tried to lead us to disaster by foolish words, and the Communist wished to drive us there by violent deeds. We must show ourselves equally capable of meeting them and beating them, whether it was a matter of words or a matter of deeds.

His second charge against the Socialists was one of insincerity. They laid high claims to moral and intellectual superiority. But in practice these high professions were not always maintained.

His third count against the Socialist Party was their foreign-mindedness. They were destitute of any originality. Even their dreary gospel came from Germany and Russia. The British Socialists were well known to be the dullest in the world.

COSMOPOLITAN CONSPIRATORS.

His greatest accusation against the Socialist Party, however, was the evil they had done in corrupting the character of the British nation. If their only object was to secure practical reforms, what need was there to teach the mass of respectable English and Scottish people to perform the antics of Continental Socialists?

Behind all this sinister and unwholesome movement stood the dark power of Moscow. There we had what we had never had before—a band of cosmopolitan conspirators gathered from the underworld of the great cities of Europe and America in the despotic possession of the still great resources of Russia.

These men were ceaseless in their endeavours to spread revolution through every land. There was no country more the object of their malignity than the island home of ours, than this ancient race and Government which had so long known how to preserve democratic freedom with order and responsibility in all classes. (Cheers.)

Was it not time that the law should be put in motion against the men secured by Russia to try to cause mutiny and sedition in the British Army and in the Navy? (Cheers.) Was it not time that new concerted efforts should be made by all men of good will to defend Britain and her Empire and to preserve for a future generation our love of freedom and our ancient fame? (Cheers.)

THE RAILWAYMAN'S BUDGET.

MR. THOMAS AND A WIFE WHO "TAKES IN WASHING."

WAGES INQUIRY.

When the National Wages Board were hearing railway claims last month, Mr. Clower, on behalf of the companies, replied to the criticisms of the union representatives.

He said Mr. Cramp's charges of inefficient management were made on insufficient data.

"Fogs and mishaps are always with us," he added, "and many heavy detentions of wagons are brought about to meet the requirements of traders, by holding back traffic which they are unable to accept at the receiving point."

The household budgets of railwaymen's families, quoted by the N.U.R., had proved too much, said Mr. Clower, and for that reason were valueless.

"Either the men are living in a perpetual state of bankruptcy," he said, "or the expenditure cannot be the normal weekly amount. In one illustration the man earned 47s. 8d. a week, and the expenditure was 51s. 3d."

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"His wife does washing," remarked Mr. Thomas.

NO DRINKS.

In no single case, added Mr. Clower, was there any item for drink. He congratulated the railwaymen on that.

"Milk is there," remarked Mr. Jill, of the Railway Clerks' Association, amidst laughter.

Mr. Clower said that when Mr. Cramp was asked where the extra 50 millions which the N.U.R. programme would cost were to come from, all he could suggest was putting his hand into the pockets of the shareholders.

£8,000,000 DECREASE IN RECEIPTS.

In conclusion Mr. Clower said that in 1923 and 1924 the companies had lost £8,000,000 in net receipts, compared with 1914, and they had withdrawn £6,000,000 from reserves. Traffic receipts would be down £4,000,000 this year.

Wages rates were 125 per cent. greater than in 1913, he said, and yet the unions were demanding concessions which would cost £53,000,000.

RUSSIA'S RETURN TO VODKA.

THE OFFICIAL EXCUSE—AND SOME OTHERS.

The resumption of the sale of vodka at the pre-war alcoholic strength of 40 per cent. has provided the occasion for a tremendous outburst of conviviality on the part of the whole Muscovite population. Long waiting lines form outside the shops where the fiery liquor is sold, and it is no uncommon sight to see a satisfied customer pull the cork out of his bottle and gulp down all the contents amid a circle of envying and delighted onlookers. On the first day of the sale the supply of available vodka was exhausted before evening.

There has been an enormous increase in public drunkenness during the two weeks which have elapsed since the "40 per cent." was put on sale. Excessive use of the new stimulant has caused a number of deaths, and the police have had their hands full in attending to cases of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. In some cases parties of boisterous merry-makers have boarded tramcars and created so much disturbance that it was found necessary to remove them by force. Thirty per cent. vodka was legally sold before October 1st, and at first sight it seems surprising that an addition of 10 per cent. to the alcoholic contents of the beverage should exert such visible and disastrous effects upon the sobriety of the city. However, it seems that Moscow took the restoration of the pre-war vodka as a huge holiday which had to be properly celebrated, and this fact no doubt accounts for much of the excessive drinking.

The social consequences of the restoration of vodka can scarcely commend themselves to the authorities. It has already been found necessary to create in Moscow a special commission for combating drunkenness and rowdyism, made up of representatives of the Commissariats of Justice and Internal Affairs and other organisations. This commission has recommended a number of remedial measures, including the diminution of the number of liquor shops in the vicinity of factories, strict prohibition of the sale of vodka on Sundays and holidays, and more severe penalties for public drunkenness. Apparently the return of vodka brought about still more undesirable results in the Ukraine, for an increasing number of cases of resistance to the police by inebriated criminals was reported at the session of the Ukrainian Soviet Congress which is now in progress, and such a drastic punishment as exile was recommended for the worst offenders.

THE GOVERNMENT'S MOTIVES.

One naturally inquires why the Soviet Government should have sanctioned the return of vodka which most revolutionists formerly regarded as an effective instrument of the Tsarist *régime* for debauching the population. Lenin once pronounced publicly against selling vodka to the peasants, and the Communists, while they are not teetotallers, regard excessive drinking as a breach of party ethics. Drunkenness is often given as a reason for expelling a member from the party.

The official justification for the return of vodka, as voiced by the Commissar for Health, Dr. Semashko, and others, is that all the efforts to enforce the prohibition of vodka broke down against the opposition of the peasant vendors of "samogon," or home-brewed vodka. This samogon, it is alleged, was more harmful than vodka, both in its physical effects and in its waste of grain. The euphemistic expression for the return of vodka is that "it is a means of fighting samogon."

It is quite possible, however, that other considerations may have influenced the action of the Government. The efforts of agents of the State exporting organisations to buy up the peasants' grain are handicapped by the pronounced shortage of various classes of manufactured goods, such as textiles, agricultural machinery, leather, and metal products. The peasant is reluctant to part with his grain until he sees something which he may buy with his money. The vodka may help to fill the void which is created by the shortage of manufactured goods. The very considerable revenues which will probably flow into the coffers of the State from the sale of vodka, which is a State monopoly, are probably not an object of indifference to the Government.

It seems doubtful whether the predictions of the more optimistic Communists to the effect that the restoration of vodka is a temporary measure designed to root out the samogon habit among the peasants will be fulfilled. It will be difficult for the Budget to dispense at one stroke with the prospective very considerable returns of the sale of vodka. Moreover, it will probably be difficult to take vodka away from the population for a second time, now that the first prohibition has been raised. Eleven years of deprivation have apparently not extinguished the desire of the Russians for their old national drink.

TEACHER'S RIGHT TO MARRY.

APPEAL COURT AND A WOMAN'S DISMISSAL.

CORPORATION WINS.

The Court of Appeal, consisting of the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Warrington and Serjeant, last month gave judgment allowing the appeal of the Poole Corporation from the judgment of Mr. Justice Romer in the Chancery Division, in the test action brought by Mrs. Ethel F. Short, an assistant schoolmistress, for a declaration that her dismissal by the Corporation, as the local education authority, on the ground that she was a married woman was invalid.

The local education committee in 1922 decided that the employment of unmarried women was better for the cause of education in the borough, and that it was the duty of the authority, as far as possible, to adopt the policy of replacing married women teachers by unmarried teachers.

It was further said that one of the primary matters taken into consideration in deciding the question was that of unemployment among certified unmarried teachers, who made better teachers in that they had no domestic affairs to attend to.

On behalf of Mrs. Short, however, it was contended that the motives actuating the authority were alien and irrelevant to the discharge of their statutory duties, and that the education authority went beyond their powers in deciding to dismiss the married women teachers.

Mr. Justice Romer held that the grounds given for the dismissal were not educational grounds and he said that, however deserving of sympathy the objects of the corporation might be, he thought they were attempting to dismiss Mrs. Short for reasons which were not in the best interests of education in the district or the efficiency of the school, but for motives alien and irrelevant to the exercise of their statutory duties. He accordingly gave judgment for Mrs. Short.

DUTIES TO THE HOME.

Delivering judgment, the Master of the Rolls said there was no question that Mrs. Short had performed her duties satisfactorily and was an efficient teacher.

The attitude of the corporation was outlined in a letter written by the Town Clerk of Poole, saying that the Education Committee and the Poole Council—

(1) Considered that the duty of married women was primarily to look after their domestic affairs and "they regard it as impossible to do so and to effectively and satisfactorily act as teachers."

(2) That it is unfair to the large number of young unmarried teachers who are at present seeking situations that the position should be occupied by married women who had presumably husbands capable of maintaining them.

It was always an anxious question for education authorities to consider whether the supply of teachers could be maintained, and whether the zeal of young teachers might not be damped by prolonged inability to secure situations.

"SACRIFICING EFFICIENCY."

It was at least a possible construction of the town clerk's letter to say that that was what the education authorities were thinking of, and there was no proof that the Council had taken into account matters other than those which belonged to the educational sphere.

The inquiries into the financial situation of some teachers only showed that the education authorities were prepared to mitigate hardships even at the sacrifice of some educational efficiency. Mrs. Short had failed to make out any case for interference of the court.

The appeal would be allowed, and her action dismissed with costs.

Lord Justice Warrington and Lord Justice Serjeant concurred.

THE OLDEST PRINTED BOOK.

A ROMANCE OF CHINESE TURKESTAN RECALLED.

The visit of Professor Paul Pelliot, the brilliant French Orientalist to London, recalls the wonderful archæological romance associated with the name of Sir Aurel Stein, who was Professor Pelliot's predecessor in bringing back to Europe the riches of the ancient civilisations of Chinese Turkestan. A writer in the *Manchester Guardian* mentions that in 1908 Pelliot was just beaten by Sir Aurel Stein in the discovery at the cave of the Thousand Buddhas at Tun Huang of an extraordinary collection of Buddhist paintings and manuscripts which had been walled up there for perhaps a thousand years. There was a notable exhibition of these things at the British Museum in 1914, but the war intervened, and comparatively little attention was given to it.

The story of how Sir Aurel Stein obtained possession of this extraordinary library and religious paintings, which had been hidden away perhaps at the time of a Hunnish incursion, is a fantastic one. In the King's Library at the British Museum you may see what is perhaps the best of the finds—the earliest-known specimen of block printing. It is a Buddhist religious work dating from the eighth century. It is in the form of a roll, and the picture upon it of Buddha sitting in state is the oldest woodcut.

The Print Room contains hundreds of paintings on silk or paper from the same cache. When found they were crumpled up into hard bundles, and were often a mass of fragments. To an amateur their condition would appear to be hopeless, but with infinite skill and patience they were pieced together and mounted, and are now studied by students from all over the world.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council was held yesterday morning at 9.30. Present:

His Excellency the Governor (Mr. CECIL CLEMENTI, C.M.G.).
His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Colonel C. RUSSELL BROWN, D.S.O.).
The Colonial Secretary, Acting, (Hon. Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G.).
The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H KEMP, K.C.).
The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. MESSER, O.B.E.).
Hon. Mr. H. T. CREASY (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).
Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.
Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG.
Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SON.
Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD.
Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTEWALL.
Mr. S. B. B. McELDERRY (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by order of H.E. The Governor, laid upon the table the Quarterly Return of Excesses on Sub-heads met by savings under heads of expenditure for the 3rd quarter of 192[illegible] and also the following reports for 1924:—The Medical Report, the Sanitary Report the Report on the Botanical and Forestry Department, the Report of the Director of Education, and the Report of the Director of Public Works, together with the report on Land Survey Work for the year ending March, 1925. In doing so he expressed the regret of the Government at the lateness of certain Departmental reports. The reason lay in the strike which deprived the printers of their skilled labour for a considerable period.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table Financial Minutes Nos. 88 to 94, 101 to 105, 108 to 113, 115 to 120, 122 to 136 of 1925 and 1 and 2 of 1926 and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by order of H.E. The Governor, laid upon the table reports of the Finance Committee Nos. 13 and 14, and moved that they be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

FINANCIAL PROCEDURE.

The Acting COLONIAL SECRETARY: I beg to move the following resolution which stands in my name:—

Resolved that the following rule be inserted in the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council immediately after Rule 16:—

16A. The Governor may at any time refer direct to the Finance Committee any proposal concerning additional expenditure not already provided for in the annual estimates.

The practice has been for financial minutes to be referred by resolution of the whole Council to the Finance Committee. The Council, however, is for many weeks at a time not in session and so comes about the unavoidable necessity of actually incurring expenditure, or liability for expenditure, before it is possible to get the Finance Committee together. Obviously it is desirable that the legislature should approve of expenditure before any liability is undertaken and so it is proposed to put on record in the Standing Rules and Orders this new order that H.E. The Governor may at any time refer direct to the Finance Committee any proposal concerning additional expenditure not already provided for in the annual estimates. That means that H.E. The Governor will send a message to the Finance Committee and the Finance Committee can sit at any time to consider the proposal—in public for these is no question of private sessions—and can recommend them to the whole Council.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the resolution was passed.

MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE, 1890.

The first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, was upon the Orders of the Day, but the Bill was held over to a future meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed, the Acting Colonial Secretary presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: All the papers relating to the votes which are to come before the meeting have been circulated so that members are aware of all the details of the proposed expenditure.

COMPENSATION AND RESUMPTIONS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $50,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, 93, Compensation and Resumptions.

The CHAIRMAN: The vote is $30,000 and it has been continually necessary to expand this vote because of the rapid progress made in the neighbourhood.

Approved.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $8,200 in aid of the following votes,—

Governor, Personal emoluments	$1,700.00
Governor, Other charges:	
Electric fans and light for public rooms	500.00
Furniture	3,750.00
Incidental expenses	250.00
Total	$6,200.00

The CHAIRMAN: The first item is in regard to the salaries of the Governor's Aide-de-Camp and Private Secretary. Certain changes were made and leave was granted to the Private Secretary. The item for furniture is required for furnishing Mountain Lodge.

Approved.

WEIGHING MACHINES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $741 on account of Public Works Department, Special Expenditure, Six Weighing Machines.

The CHAIRMAN: These machines were ordered in 1924.

Approved.

JUDICIAL AND LEGAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,900 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, A—Supreme Court, Personal Emoluments.

Approved.

MONG KOK TSUI MARKET.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Buildings, 75, Extension to existing Market at Mong Kok Tsui.

Approved.

TRAINING NULLAHS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $10,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Drainage, 82, Training Nullahs:—(b) Matauchung, training and diverting main Stream course.

Approved.

AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $3,276 in aid of the following votes:—

Audit Department:	
Personal emoluments	$2,194.56
Other charges:	
Transport and travelling expenses	80.00
Conveyance allowance	38.44
Home expenditure	1,033.00
Total	$3,276.00

The CHAIRMAN: The first item is due to getting out a new assistant. The work has grown considerably.

Approved.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $89,650 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works Department, Other Charges:	
Incidental expenses, stores	$ 250
Transport and travelling expenses	5,000
Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong:	
Lighting, 12 extension of lighting	11,000
Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong:	
Buildings:	
2 Overseer's quarters, Elliot filter beds	5,000
3 D'Aguilar—erecting quarter for officers	8,000
Communications, 28, Roads:	
(t) Access road to War Memorial Nursing Home, Stubbs, Road	15,000
Miscellaneous:	
29, Miscellaneous Works	15,000
Water Works:	
42, Taitam Tuk Scheme—additional pumping plant (b) engine and boiler	30,000
Total	$80,850

Approved.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $7,550 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong:	
Buildings:	
12, Government stores, extension	$ 500
Communications, 28, Roads:	
(c) Wanchai Road—Widening to 42 feet	600
(k) West Bay Development, Road construction	50
(bb) Garden Road above Kennedy Road, Improving and widening	6,000
Water Works:	
54, Jardine's Look-out Service Reservoir	200
55, Eastern Pumping Station	200
Total	$7,550

Sir HENRY POLLOCK: What is being done in Wanchai Road?

The CHAIRMAN: We are trying to get a better access between Queen's Road and Wanchai East.

Approved.

POLICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $26,500 in aid of the following votes:—

Police, Other Charges:	
Ammunition	$ 2,000
Passages	18,000
Rations for Indian Police	4,000
Rent of Stations	2,500
Total	$26,500

Approved.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $5,645 in aid of the following votes:—

Fire Brigade, Other Charges:	
Incidental expenses	$ 145
Repairs to motor engines and plant	5,500
Total	$5,645

Approved.

POLICE EQUIPMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,158 on account of Police Department, Special Expenditure, 200 rifles and bayonets.

Approved.

FIRE BRIGADE MOTOR PUMP.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $2,000 in aid of the vote Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, 1 motor pump.

Approved.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $2,500 in aid of the following votes:—

Sanitary Department, Other Charges:	
Baskets, buckets and shovels	$1,500
Brooms, brushes and bamboo hats	500
Incidental expenses	500
Total	$2,500

Approved.

QUARTERS FOR EUROPEAN POLICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $680 in aid of the vote Prison Department, Rent of Quarters for European Officers.

Approved.

POLICE MOTOR CYCLISTS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,511 in aid of the vote Police Department, Other Charges, Conveyance Allowances.

The CHAIRMAN: This is due to the motor cyclists. Motor cycles are found to be a most efficient form of conveyance. The Police provide their own machines.

Approved.

NEW TERRITORIES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $7,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, 123, Miscellaneous Works.

Approved.

COLONIAL SECRETARIAT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $450 in aid of the following votes:—

Colonial Secretary's Offices, Other Charges:—	
Gas and electric fans	$250.00
Incidental expenses (typewriter, etc.)	200.00
Total	$450.00

Approved.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,658 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Additional Machines for Carpenters' Shop.

Approved.

ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $201 on account of Public Works Department, Special Expenditure, Safe for Architectural Office.

Approved.

HONGKONG ROADS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $20,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, 28, Roads, (g), Road from Western end of Robinson Road to Conduit Road.

Approved.

GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $6,000 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Furniture for Government Offices and Quarters.

Approved.

COLONIAL SECRETARIAT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $2,500 in aid of the vote Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature, Personal Emoluments.

Approved.

POLICE SECRET SERVICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,000 in aid of the vote Police Department, Other Charges, Secret Service.

Approved.

PRISON DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $2,000 in aid of the vote Prison Department, Subsistence of Prisoners.

Approved.

MOTOR WATERING CARTS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $638 on account of Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure, 2 Motor Watering Carts.

Approved.

PRINTING MACHINES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $860 on account of Prison Department, Special Expenditure, Printing Machines, etc.

Approved.

LEGAL EXPENSES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,000 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, E.—Crown Solicitor, Other Charges, Legal Expenses.

Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $300 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Other Miscellaneous Services.

Approved.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $197,000 on account of Miscellaneous Services.

Approved.

MOTOR REFUSE LORRIES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $902 in aid of the vote Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure, 5 motor refuse lorries.

Approved.

STUDENTS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,445 on account of Education Department, Special Expenditure Medical fees and glasses for Students in Government Schools.

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The issue of August 8th contains the detailed reply by A. G. M. to Wu Hon Man's Manifesto. This reply analyses very fully the various contentions put forward by the Bolsheviks in their propaganda, and gives the British point of view. It should be kept on record as it will always be useful for reference purposes.

The issue of August 29th contains the full report of the great indignation meeting held at the Theatre Royal, together with the text of the Telegram sent to the Prime Minister.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(*Continued from page 8*).

The CHAIRMAN: The practice has been to charge a fee of $5 at Queen's College and $3 in other schools to cover the cost of these medical examinations. The expenditure has outrun the receipts and this vote is now asked for.

Hon. Mr. BIRD: Does the Government supply glasses to the students?

The CHAIRMAN: In certain cases. It depends upon the means of the student. We have given no undertaking.

Approved.

PATROL LAUNCHES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $6,900 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, 4 Patrol Launches:—Upkeep of.

Approved.

MOUNT GOUGH POLICE STATION.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $13,800 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, Mount Gough Station and the additional Barrack Shed.

Approved.

RESUMPTIONS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $14,553 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, 124, Compensation and Resumptions.

Approved.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE CAR.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $414 on account of:—Governor, Other Charges:—

Upkeep of Motor Cars:—	
Four new tyres	$143.00
Petrol, 60 gallons	111.00
One chauffer	160.00
Total	$414.00

Approved.

CASTLE PEAK QUARRY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $3,476 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, 120, Opening up of Quarry, Castle Peak.

Approved.

MAGISTRACY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $70 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, B.—Magistracies, Hongkong, Personal Emoluments.

Approved.

RAILWAY ACCOUNTS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $5,500 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Recasting Accounts of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section).

Approved.

KING'S PARK RECREATION GROUND.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $14,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, 86, King's Park Laying out Ground for Recreation purposes.

Approved.

RAINSTORM DAMAGE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $250 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, 18, typhoon and rainstorm damages.

Approved.

SHING MUN SCHEME.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $19,500 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories:—

Communications:

114, Roads (g) Waterloo Road extension (100 ft. wide) section between Kowloon Boundary to foot of hill S.E. of tunnel (estimate for 150 ft. wide)	$ 4,500
Water Works:	
127, Shing Mun Valley Scheme: (c) Temporary Intake and Conduit	15,000
Total	$19,500

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: The $15,000 is required because more work has been done than was anticipated.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK: When is the scheme likely to be completed?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: At the end of May or the beginning of June, that is the tunnelling.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK: I mean the whole Scheme.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: I cannot give a date for the completion of the whole work.

Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, 123, Miscellaneous Works.

Approved.

RAINSTORM DAMAGES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $13,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories, Miscellaneous, 50, typhoon and rainstorm damages.

Approved.

COMPENSATION AND RESUMPTIONS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $10,869 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, 124, Compensation and Resumptions.

Approved.

SAIYINGPUN SCHOOL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $9,519 on account of Education Department, Special Expenditure, Equipment of Saiyingpun School. This Minute was withdrawn.

VOLUNTEERS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $1,326 in aid of the following votes:—

Military Expenditure:

B.—Volunteer Defence Corps, Other Charges:

Equipment for the Engineer Company	$ 901
Camp expenses	150
Transport	275
Total	$1,326

This Minute was also withdrawn.

MAIL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $2,473 in aid of the following votes:—

Post Office, Other Charges:

Repairs to steam launches	$2,104.50
Mail bags, etc.	260.60
Telegrams	107.90
Total	$2,473.00

Approved.

WATCHMEN.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $12,000 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, A.—Supreme Court, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses, Watchmen.

Approved.

TRANSPORT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $200 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, C.—District Offices, Southern District, Other Charges, Transport.

Approved.

CAR EXPENSES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $3,800 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Motor Cars, running expenses.

Approved.

EDUCATIONAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $3,357 in aid of the following votes:—

Educational Department, Other Charges:

Incidental expenses	$1,554
Cookery classes	226
Upkeep of pianos	75
Equipment of classes for technical institute	40
Grant in aid of rent	72
Subsidies to elementary vernacular schools in Hongkong	1,300
Total	$3,357

Approved.

WATER WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $35,000 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Recurrent:

Hongkong Water Works:

22, Maintenance of City and Hill District	$15,000
26, Water account (meters, etc.)	10,000

Public Works, Extraordinary:

Hongkong Water Works:

30 New Principal Water mains in the City of Victoria	10,000
Total	$35,000

Approved.

RAILWAY SIDINGS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $4,000 in aid of the following votes:—

Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure:—

New Sidings Loco. Yard, East	$3,000
Siding for Ashes, Loco. Yard	1,000
Total	$4,000

Approved.

WATER WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $10,000 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Recurrent:

Kowloon Water Works:

40, Maintenance of Water Works	$ 5,000

Public Works, Extraordinary:

Kowloon Water Works:

94 Distributing mains, improvements and extensions	5,000
Total	$10,000

Approved.

COMPENSATION AND RESUMPTIONS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $9,165 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, 124, Compensation and Resumptions.

Approved.

RESCUE TUG.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $54,000 on account of Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, Construction of Rescue Tug.

Approved.

PORT HEALTH OFFICER.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of $93 on account of Medical Department, C.—Office of Health Officer of Port:—Fees in respect of Study in Diseases of the Skin to be taken by Health Officer of Port.

Approved.

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COUNCIL RESUMES.

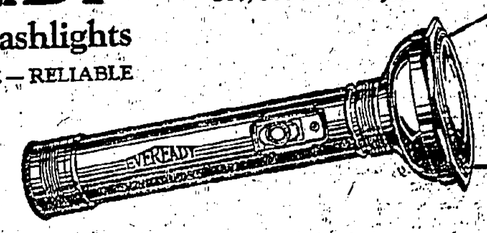
Following the Finance Committee Council resumed and the Acting Colonial Secretary reported that all the Financial Minutes submitted to the Committee had been approved with the exception of Minutes Nos. 146 and 147 which had been withdrawn. He then proposed that the report of the Finance Committee concerning these Minutes should be approved by the Council.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

Then after references to Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher's approaching departure and good work in the Colony the Council adjourned *sine die*.

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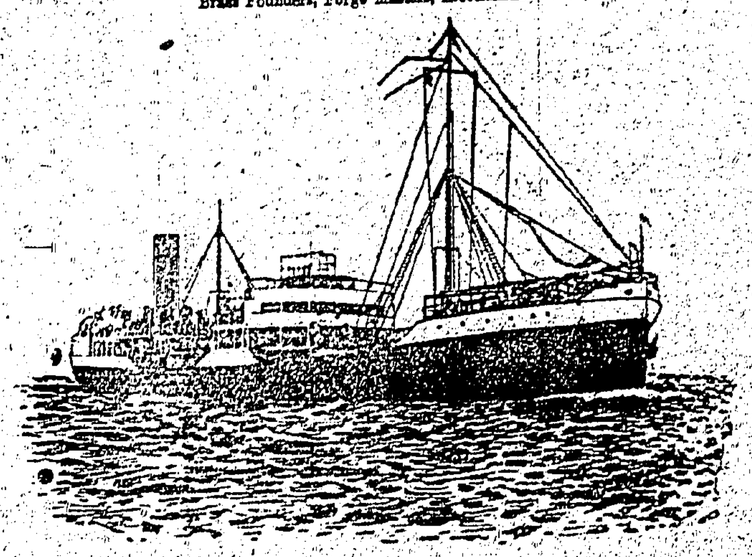
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Anatina, British str., 3,151 tons, Capt. G. F. Harding, from San Pedro, with kerosene oil, lying at A.P.C. Wharf.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

Batavia, British str., 334 tons, Capt. A. Aiken, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—Wa On S.S. Co.

J. B. ang. Kessler, Dutch str., 2,099 tons, Capt. J. Duinkeo, from Tarakan, with fuel oil, lying at A.P.C. Wharf.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

Voytland, German str., 4,200 tons, Capt. Fr. Buch, from Yokohama and Shanghai, lying at buoy No. A2.—Jebsen & Co.

December 29th.

Chenan, British str., 1,338 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Chip Shing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. G. Barleigh, from Tientsin, *via* Chefoo and Weihaiwei, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Emil Kirdorf, German str., 3,426 tons, Capt. W. Zobel, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Reuter Brockelmann.

Gittera, Norwegian str., 727 tons, Capt. E. Toedt, from Sandakan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34.—W. Watts & Co.

Kum Sang, British str., 2,327 tons, Capt. H. W. Chandler, from Kobe, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Santos Maru, Japanese str., 7,266 tons, Capt. T. Kamisan, from Kobe, with 600 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—O.S.K.

Tjisondari, Dutch str., 5,013 tons, Capt. H. de Jonge, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.

Westerdyk, Dutch str., 5,236 tons, Capt. J. Stangerius, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—J.C.J.L.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

The following are the latest changes on China Coast steamers:—

Mr. A. W. Bambridge, has signed off as 3rd engineer of the *Chinkiang*.

Mr. A. Duncan (first ship), has joined the *Chinsang* as 3rd engineer.

Mr. C. T. Harrison, *Taikoo Wanji*, has gone 2nd mate of the *Kwangchow*.

Mr. E. Prigent, has signed off as master of the *Kinshan*, and has gone master of the *Lung Shan*.

Mr. V. C. Harris, of the same steamer, has gone master of the *Kinshan*.

Mr. J. Hill, *Kingyuan*, has signed off as 3rd engineer and has gone 3rd engineer of the *Kwangchow*.

Mr. E. Johnson, *Shantung*, has gone 1st mate of the *Kwangchow*.

Mr. C. T. Turnbull, has signed off as 1st mate of the *Kingyuan* and has gone 1st mate of the *Kwangse*.

Mr. E. G. Benson, *Huichow*, has gone 2nd mater of the *Kwangse*.

Mr. A. Cumming, *Huichow*, has gone 1st engineer of the *Kwangse*.

Mr. A. W. Bambridge, *Chinkiang*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Kwangse*.

Mr. A. W. Norris, *Chinkiang*, has gone 3rd engineer of the *Kwangse*.

Mr. E. W. Gellie, has signed off as master of the *Kuichow* and has gone master of the *Tungchow*.

Mr. S. W. Harrison, has signed off as 1st mate of the *Kuichow* and has gone 1st mate of *Tungchow*.

Mr. William McIntosh, and Mr. J. Nisbet, have both signed off as master and 1st mate respectively of the *Tungchow*.

Mr. J. O. Arnot, has signed off as 1st mate of the *Yatshing*.

Mr. C. C. Warren, *Yuen Sang*, has gone 1st mate of the *Yatshing*.

Mr. H. O. Lewis, *Kwong Sang*, has gone supernumary 3rd mate of the *Yatshing*.

Mr. G. McAdam, has signed off as master of the *Chusan* and has gone master of the *Kuichow*.

Mr. P. Littington, has signed off as 2nd mate of the *Chusan* and has gone 1st mate of the *Kuichow*.

Mr. J. Hales, *Honam*, has gone 2nd mate of the *Lung Shan*.

Mr. J. M. Xavier, *Sui An*, has gone 1st engineer of the *Lung Shan*.

Mr. W. A. Piper, *Kinshan*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Lung Shan*.

Mr. William Murray, *Tungshing*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Hin Sang*.

Mr. J. Rees, *Lai Sang*, has gone supernumary mate of the *Kwong Sang*.

Mr. J. Moodie, *Chip Shing*, has gone 1st mate of the *Lai Sang*.

Mr. H. Miller, *Mau Sang*, has gone 3rd mate of the *Lai Sang*.

Mr. J. McCabe, has signed off the *Lai Sang* as 2nd mate.

CLEARANCES.

December 29th.

Anking, for Amoy.
Haicheng, for Amoy.
Hin Sang, for Sandakan.
Kanchow, for Amoy.
Lai Sang, for Saigon.
Mauai, for Saigon.
New Mathilde, for Haiphong.
Nitto Maru, for Tsingtau.
Tjisoemi, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Westerdyk, for Manila.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 75, of which 36 were British.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were ten arrivals, viz. four British, three Dutch, two German and one Japanese. The departures numbered five and three clearances.

The arrivals for the period referred to were as under:—The s.s. *Kwong Sang* (British) from Shanghai with general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Kum Sang* (British) from Yokohama and Kobe with 1,036 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Chip Shing* (British) from Tientsin and Weihaiwei with 2,441 tons of general cargo and mail from the last mentioned port; the s.s. *Batavia* (British) from Kwang Chow Wan with 260 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Westerdyk* (Dutch) from Vladivostock and Shanghai; the s.s. *Tjisondari* (Dutch) from Shanghai with mail; the s.s. *J. B. Ang. Kessler* (Dutch) from Tarakjan with 5,914 tons of liquid fuel; the m.s. *Voytland* (German) from Yokohama and Shanghai with two tons of household removals and mail; the s.s. *Emil Kirdorf* (German) from Hamburg and Manila with 270 tons of general cargo and mail and the m.s. *Santos Maru* (Japanese) with six tons of general cargo and mail.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong	9,869 tons.
For ports beyond	21,070 "
Total	30,939 "

(Previous 24 hours).

For Hongkong	12,119 tons.
For ports beyond	16,841 "
Total	28,953 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 3,677 tons were entered by British vessels, while the best entry was 5,914 tons of liquid fuel by a Dutch vessel. Deck passengers entered totalled 37.

Later arrivals yesterday, too late to be recorded in the above entries, were the s.s. *Kashiama Maru* (Japanese) from Straits with general cargo and mail; the s.s. *City of Cairo* (British) from Shanghai with general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Chenan* (British) from Shanghai with general cargo and mail and the s.s. *Shantung* (British) also from the North.

SHIPPING NOTES.

It has been notified that torpedo ranging will commence from Lai Chi Kok pier towards a 2,000 yards torpedo target on Monday, January 4th. A red flag will be hoisted on the 2,000 yards target and at the end of the pier while ranging is taking place. This will always be the signal when the range is in use.

The *Santos Maru*, the new O.S.K. ship allocated to the Hongkong, South American run, arrived in Hongkong yesterday. She is the first of three new motor vessels built to the order of the O.S.K., the others being the *La Plata Maru* and *Montevideo Maru*, all of which are to be employed on the same run, in addition to the *Manila Maru* and the *Hawaii Maru* now in service. The *La Plata* and *Montevideo* will be completed within the next few months. These ships will be capable of maintaining a sea-speed of 16.5 knots, which cuts down the schedule from Hongkong to Santos, Brazil, to 42 days in place of the 57 days usually required by other vessels. The *Santos Maru* entered six tons of general cargo and brought to Hongkong ten first class passengers and 133 Asiatic third class passengers. She leaves for South America to-day *viâ* Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Cape Town. She has accommodation for 40 first class passengers, 102 in the special third class and 588 in the third class.

The silk shipped per s.s. *President Madison*, which sailed from Hongkong at 5.00 p.m. December 29th, arrived at New York at 2.00 p.m. December 23rd, having been 23 calendar days and 21 hours in transit.

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KATORI MARU Saturday, 16th Jan.
ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 30th Jan.

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AKI MARU Wednesday, 20th Jan. at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 24th Feb.

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KAWACHI MARU Monday, 28th Dec.

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TOTTORI MARU Sunday, 3rd Jan.
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The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan*, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on December 28th at 7 a.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Shanghai on December 29th at noon and leaves on December 30th at 11 a.m. She is due at Hongkong on January 1st.

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HAIPHONG via HOIHOW ...	"FAUSANG"	...Thursday,	31st Dec., at Noon.
TIENTSIN via CHEFOO ...	"CHIPSHING"	...Friday,	1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY, SHANGHAI & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	...Saturday,	2nd Jan., at 7 a.m.
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HAIPHONG via HOIHOW ...	"MINGSANG"	...Wednesday,	6th Jan., at Noon.
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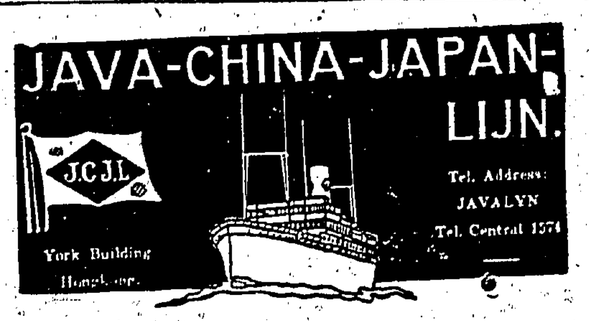
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"SAARBRUECKEN" ...	24th April "	29th May, "
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TJISALAK ...	BATAVIA	10th Jan.	12th "	SHANGHAI
TJIMANUK ...	JAPAN & K'LUNG	10th "	13th "	BATAVIA
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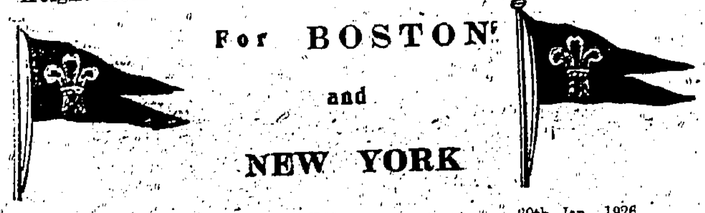
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"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Jan.	Mars., Casablanca, London & Antwerp.
"LAHORE"	5,952	24th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"ALIPORE"	5,273	1st Feb.	Singapore & Bombay
"DELTA"	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo, and B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Mars., L'don., A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KHIVA"	9,135	26th Mar.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London.
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"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	
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		1926.	
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"DELTA"	8,097	9th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	8,500	13th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,006	25th Jan.	Kobe & Osaka.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	1st Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
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HONGAY ...	"NINGPO" ...	On 31st Dec.,	Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ...	"CHENAN" ...	On 31st Dec.,	4 p.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE ...	"KIUNGCHOW" ...	On 2nd Jan.,	Noon
AMOY & SHANGHAI ...	"SINKIANG" ...	On 5th Jan.,	D.L.
BANGKOK	"CHINHUA" ...	On 5th Jan.,	5 p.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE ...	"KALGAN" ...	On 5th Jan.,	5 p.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG ...	"TAMING" ...	On 7th Jan.,	10 a.m.
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AMAZONE	...B ...	— "	— "	19th Jan., "
FONTAINE BLEAU	...B & A ...	4th Dec., "	6th Jan., 1926	3rd Feb., "
D'ARTAGNAN	...A ...	18th Dec., "	20th Jan., "	16th Feb., "
ANGKOR	...B ...	1st Jan., 1926	3rd Feb., "	2nd Mar., "
PORTHOS	...A ...	15th Jan., "	17th Feb., "	16th Mar., "
ANDRE LEBON	...A ...	29th Jan., "	3rd Mar., "	30th Mar., "

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On Friday, the 1st January, 1926, and Saturday, the 2nd January, the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

The G.P.O.—Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.
Kowloon Branch—Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wantsai, Sheungwan, Saiyingpun and Yaumati Branches—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays

The Radio Service has reverted to normal hours of working. Messages may be handed in at any hour of the day or night during General Post Office hours at Radio Counter, Main Hall, at all other times messages should be taken through the corner entrance at Pedder Street and Des Vœux Road to the Radio Office on the 3rd floor of the building, these doors will be closed after 10 p.m. but admittance may be obtained by ringing the night-bell.

The Parcel Post Service to Canton is resumed.

Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice.
Interport Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.
Messages in Code must have name of Code used included in text.

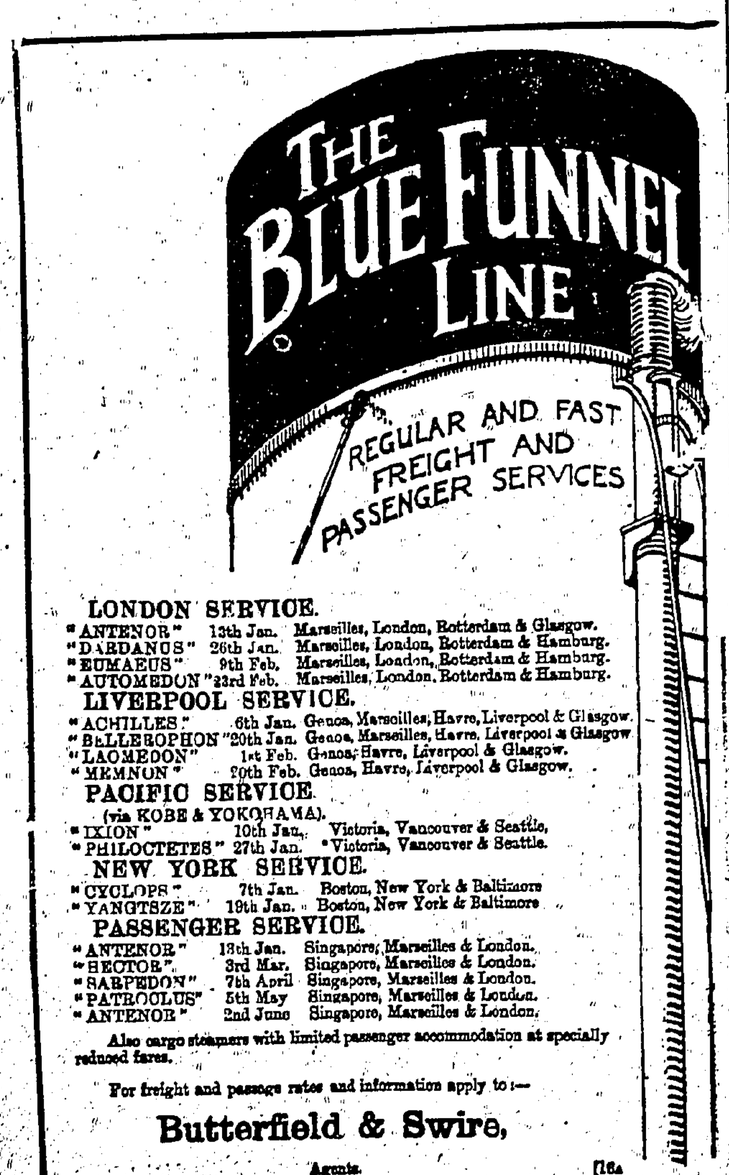
INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan ...	*Kamo Maru*	1st Jan.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	*Emp. of Russia* ...	1st Jan.
Manila	*Pres. Wilson* ..	1st Jan.
Manila	*Pres. Jefferson*	3rd Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Korea Maru*" ..	4th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ..	*Pres. Hayes*	4th Jan.
Japan...	*Arafuru*	4th Jan.
Shanghai	*Amboise*	5th Jan.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Grant* ...	7th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Lincoln* ..	7th Jan.
Australia & Manila ...	*St. Albans*	8th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date	
Saigon and South Africa	*Santos Maru* ...	Wednesday, 30th,	8.30 A M
Swatow	*Kanchow* ...		9.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (Letter and Postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	*Kashima Maru* ...		10.30 A M
Bangkok...	*Hopsang*		10.30 A M
Sandakan	*Hinsang* ..		10.30 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th Jan., 1926	*City of Cairo* ...	Reg.	1.45 P M
		Letters	2.30 P M
			3.30 P M
	Kwongsang ...		5.00 P M
Shanghai	*Kotsu Maru* ...		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	*Fuzan* ...	Thursday, 31st,	10.30 A M
	Tjikarang		10.30 A M
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Sekkow Maru* ...		12.30 P M
Shanghai	*Usuran* ...		2.30 P M
Saigon and Bangkok			
Shanghai		—JANUARY, 1926—	
	Fook Sang ..	Friday, 1st,	9.00 A M
Amoy			
	Kamo Maru ...	Saturday, 2nd, Reg.	8.45 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 31st Jan., 1926		Letters	9.30 A M
	Kiungchow ..		9.00 A M
Hoihow ...			
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. & *S. America & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 27th Jan., 1926, & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	*Pres. Wilson*	Parcels	Noon
		Reg.	Noon
		Letters	Noon
Manila	*Emp. of Russia* ...		Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa... ...	*Hozan Maru*	Sunday, 3rd,	9.00 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 23rd Jan., 1926	*Pres. Jefferson* ...	Monday, 4th. Parcels	Noon
		Reg.	2.45 P M
		Letters	3.30 P M

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



LONDON SERVICE.

"ANTENOR"	13th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.
"DARDANUS"	26th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"EUMAEUS"	9th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"AUTOMEDON"	23rd Feb.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"ACHILLES"	6th Jan.	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"BELLEROPHON"	20th Jan.	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"LAOMEDON"	1st Feb.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"MEMNON"	20th Feb.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.
(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA).

"IXION"	10th Jan.	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"PHILOCTETES"	27th Jan.	*Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"CYCLOPS"	7th Jan.	Boston, New York & Baltimore
"YANGTSZE"	19th Jan.	Boston, New York & Baltimore

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"ANTENOR"	13th Jan.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"HECTOR"	3rd Mar.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"SARPEDON"	7th April	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"PATROCLUS"	5th May	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"ANTENOR"	2nd June	Singapore, Marseilles & London.

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Agents. [18a

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

December 29th, 1925.

On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	...2/4⅛
Bank Bills, on demand ...	...2/4 9/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...	... —
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...	2/4⅛
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	2/3⅞
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	... 2/3⅞
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	... 1.55⅝
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	... 1.60⅝
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	... 37⅞
Credits, at 30 days' sight ...	... 39⅛
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Tranfer ...	156⅛
Bank Bills, on demand ...	
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	156⅛
Bank Bills, on demand ...	
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	
On Yokohama.—On demand ...	133
On Manila.—On demand ...	... 114⅝
On Singapore.—On demand ...	... 101½
On Batavia.—On demand ...	... 141⅝
On Haiphong.—On demand...	... nom.
On Saigon.—On demand ...	... nom.
On Bangkok.—On demand ...	... 78⅛
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	... 88.20
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	... —
Bar Silver, per oz.	... 31 11/16

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorised Capital	$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling	£4,500,000
Silver	$26,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$20,000,000

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Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [25

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For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [2

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Chater, 1853.

Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital	£3,000,000
Reserve Fund	£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietor.	£3,000,000

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...	Frs. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	Frs. 63,400,000.00
Reserve Fund	Frs. 59,687,283.54

Branches:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hongkong	Saigon
Canton	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Djibouti	Noumea	Singapore
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Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	Yunnanfou

Bankers:
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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [32



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Authorised Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund	£1,300,000

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and
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Bangkok	Galle	Kuala Lumpur	Rangoon
Batavia	Hongkong	Madras	Shanghai
Bombay	Howrah	New York	Simla
Calcutta	Kandy	Penang	Singapore
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis	Sourabaya
Delhi	Kota Bharu	(Mauritius)	

Hongkong Branches:
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

J. B. ROSS,
Acting Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

6, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

Head Office:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris

Capital	Frs. 20,000,000
Reserves	Frs. 11,160,000
Special Working Capital ...	Frs. 50,000,000

Branches:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Peking	Shanghai	Tientsin
Canton	Hongkong	

Bankers:
France: Société Generalé, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
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A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1925.

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(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ...	...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ...	...Yen 39,375,000

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Branches:
Japan:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
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T. TAKAGI.
Manager,
Hongkong Branch,
3, Des Vœux Road, Central.
Hongkong, 1st December 1925. [27

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Head Office: Hongkong.

Established 1912.

Authorised Capital	£1,200,000
Paid Up Capital	£1,078,580
Silver Reserve Fund	$700,000

Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.
Interest allowed on
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2% per annum on daily credit balances of over $100.
Savings
4% per annum.
Deposits
for 12 months 5% per annum.
for 6 ,, 4% ,, ,,
for 3 ,, 3% ,, ,,
on demand 2% ,, ,,
Branches:
Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Bangkok, and New York.
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The Lloyds Bank, Limited.

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
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THE BANK OF CHINA.
中國銀行

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Authorized Capital	$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	18,278,800.00
Reserve Fund	9,629,425.24

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TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. [28

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Established 1824.
Hongkong Branch established 1903.

Authorized Capital	Guilders	150,000,000 (£12,500,000)
Paid-up Capital	,,	80,000,000 (£6,666,670)
Reserve Fund	,,	20,538,361 (£1,711,409)
Special Reserves	,,	22,560,000 (£1,888,230)

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